

# FIRBECK NURSERY

## **Borrowing books to share at home**

We are reintroducing our fantastic “Book Share”. Your child has been given a clear plastic wallet, this is their book folder. We would like your child to take a book home from our special book box and share it with an adult at home.

Your child is allowed to change their book on any day, but they must have their book folder to put it in. We would like you and your child to choose a book together either at the beginning or the end of a Nursery session. It is important that the child’s adult takes the book folder home and does not leave it at Nursery.

An information book about our book share is attached.

We hope you have lots of fun reading together!

Many thanks,

Miss Braun and the Nursery Team

## **What is BOOK SHARE?**

Book share is an opportunity for us to share some of our lovely Nursery books with you, to enjoy at home with your child. When your child starts Nursery you will be given a book folder with his/her name on. We would like you to bring this to Nursery on your book share day and to help your child to choose a new book. Our book share books have a cream sticker on the cover, and are kept in our colourful book trolley.

## **What sort of books are in the trolley?**

The book share collection includes picture books, non-fiction books, counting books, nursery rhymes, ABC books, board books and poetry. We choose books that give positive images of cultures, religions, race and gender. Some of the books are for an adult to read to a child, some of the books with rhyming words or repeated phrases encourage the child to join in.

## **How will this help my child?**

### **The Early Learning Goals that your child will be hitting;**

- Shows an interest in stories, songs and rhymes.
- Listens to and joins in with stories.
- Holds a book the correct way up and turns the pages.
- Knows that in English we read from left to right.

## What do we do with the book at home?

- Share the book with your child as often as you can.
- Choose a time that is convenient to you both, bedtime is a good time.
- Choose a place where you are both comfortable, relaxed and away from distractions (eg the TV).
- Give your child your individual and undivided attention.
- Look at the pictures together and talk about the story. Try to guess what will happen next.
- Read the story to your child. They may join in if the story is familiar, or contains a rhyme or repeated phrases, praise this when it happens.
- If you have chosen a long story, or an anthology of stories, read it over a few days.
- Talk about the story and ask questions.
- Give lots of praise and enjoy the book!

## What else can I do to help my child learn to read?

- Draw your child's attention to words in the environment, e.g. cereal packets, labels, notices, street and shop names.
- Play games such as "I Spy" and board games such as Lotto.
- Children learn from copying adult behaviour. Let them see how much enjoyment that you get from reading too.
- Encourage your child to become a member of the local library and visit it regularly.
- **Practise!** A little everyday makes the biggest difference.

**We hope that you enjoy the Book Share. Please let us know!**