



CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

To support your child with their reading, we have produced a list of words for your child to practise at home and school, alongside their reading book, known as 'Reading Rockets'. All children have been assigned a list of Reading Rocket words, in accordance with their age and reading level. These words have been taken from the Pip and Pap Phonics programme, linked to the National Curriculum, as well as from a list of high frequency words that regularly appear in children's reading books.

We would welcome your support in helping your child to practise their words (Reading Rockets) at home. Once you feel your child is secure at reading the words on their list and that they can use them in a sentence, please inform their class teacher through a note in the Home/School Progress Book.

Your child will be given a list to best support their current reading level, dependent on where they are within our phonics programme – either the Orange, Pink, Green or Purple Phase (usually for pupils in Year R-1.) For pupils in Year 2 and above who have finished the Pip and Pap Phonics programme, we have introduced the 'Red Reading Rocket' phase of words.

Words from this phase have been carefully chosen to expand children's vocabulary and we will challenge children to use the words in a sentence verbally before moving onto the next set. The 'Red Reading Rocket' lists now replace the old KS2 Reading Rockets for year groups 3-6.

You can count practising reading words from the list with your child as a daily 'read' to log in your child's Home/School Progress Book. Please indicate this practise when you sign your child's diary.

We will be running a parent workshop to support parents of children in Years 2-6 who are beginning to read books alone and are studying 'Red Reading Rockets'. This workshop will focus on fluency and comprehension skills. If you would like to attend, please sign up via Tucasi, so that we can prepare the correct number of resources. The workshop will be delivered on 3.30pm Tuesday 31st October.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions about Reading Rockets.

Many thanks for your continued support,

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