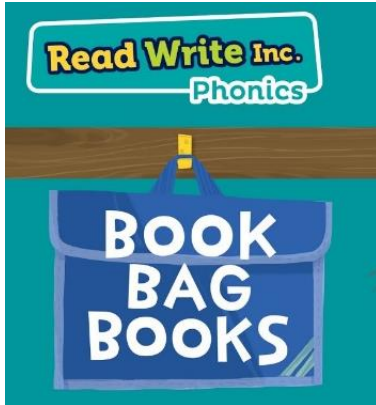


Home Reading Scheme

Each week your child will bring home **up to** three home reading books, depending on their year group and phonics/levelled book band stage. Our Home Reading Scheme has been organised into three categories. Each book has its own specific purpose explained below:



RWI Phonics Book Bag Books - For those children working through Read Write Inc – usually Reception/KS1

This book is linked to your child's current phonic knowledge and will allow your child to practise the sounds and tricky words they have learned in class as part of their phonics lessons. It is designed to allow children to read independently whilst enjoying the feeling of success when reading! They can practise their phonetic reading strategy to decode and read common words, sounding out words using 'Fred talk' and moving on to 'Fred in your head' once more confident. It is very important the children re-read this book multiple times to build fluency and commit words to memory.

Book Band Collection (Yellow Sticker) – For those children working through coloured book bands

Once children have completed the Read Write Inc scheme, they start to select books from the Book Band Collection. The book band collection books are levelled books organised into coloured bands. The children are assessed in school to identify the band they are currently reading at. At this point the children should be able to access most of the words within these books and should have the decoding skills to tackle all unknown words. The purpose of this book is to practise comprehension reading skills, such as using pictures as prompts, linking stories to their own experiences, making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done, predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far, discussing what they have read, understanding the words they are reading and extending their vocabulary with new words.



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The **Phonics** and **Book Band Collection** books sent home are purposely set at a level where your child can practise the skills being taught in school independently and build confidence, fluency and expression. Your child should be able to read the majority of the book without support and quite speedily, however it is still important to also work on their comprehension reading skills to check they have a good understanding of the text they are reading.

Library Book (no sticker)

This is a book that your child will choose to read for pleasure. The purpose of this book is to foster a love for reading and to be shared with a family member at home, rather than your child reading independently (unless they are able to!). This book will provide the opportunity for the children to hear text being read to them and encourage interesting discussions/questions about what has been read.

Reminder: Please ensure children keep their books in their bags and bring them to school every day. This is so they can read them in school, and have them changed when it is their changeover day!

Changeover days

We have set dates on which children will be able to swap their books if they have finished reading them.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Team/Group	Mandela	Turing	Pankhurst	Malala	Absentees / catch-up

Coming Soon - New for 2021

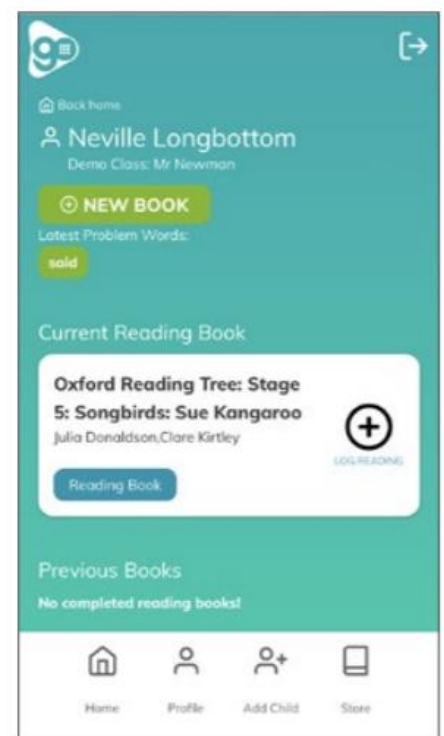
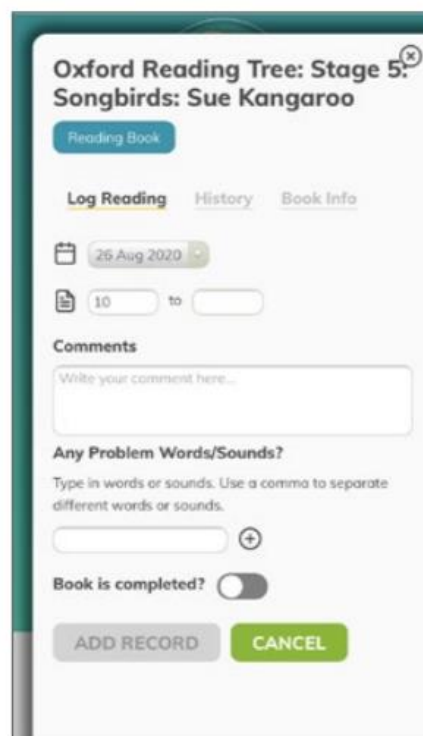
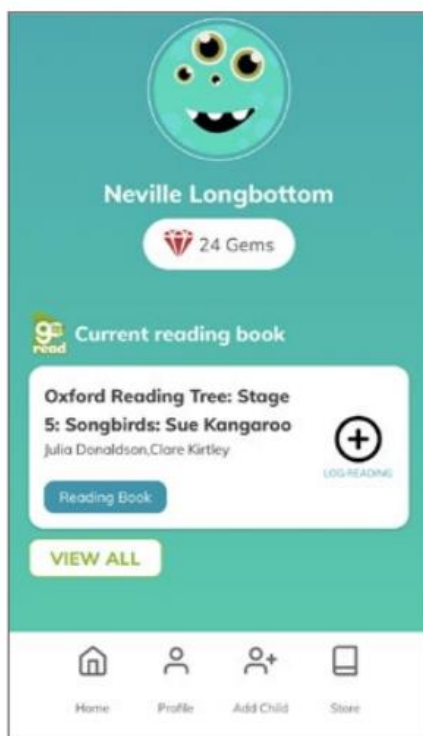


RWI Black and White Phonics Book - For those children working through Read Write Inc – usually Reception/KS1

This book is the same as the book they are using in their RWI Phonics group. They will be sent out by their phonics teacher separate to the normal book changing days (as this will depend on when they start a new book in class). Children will then be able to practise reading their phonics book at home as well as school. **Please keep these books in their book bags as they will be automatically changed when the children start a new book in class. This book does not need logging on GoRead.**

Logging Reading

At St Matthew's we are using a program called **GoRead** to log children's reading at home. This prevents the need to send paper reading records back and forth between school and home, and prevents a loss of reading history if reading records are lost.



It is very easy to log a child's reading using GoRead, and this can be done in the browser of any web-enabled device. Remember to bookmark the website and even add this to your home screen to speed up the process each time!

Parents and carers of all children in the school can log pages your child has read, add a comment and highlight any tricky words or sounds. Children in Year 3 and above also have the option to log the pages read themselves, and may be able to add their own comment if this has been enabled for them on that particular book.

For a child to change their book, you will need to tick 'book is completed?' so teachers in school know they are ready for a new book. Ideally, for a book to be completed, they should have read it a number of times, and grown in confidence in recognising the words within it. You are able to log the same pages being read more than once before ticking 'book is completed'.

For library books, we understand you may not have read the whole book before you would like this to be changed, so please mark it as completed when you and your child would like to receive a new book.



You are also able to add books from home that your child reads. Simply press 'new book' and when you have searched for and found the new book, choose 'home book' from the options to add the book and log your child's reading.

Each time you or your child logs their reading, they will receive gems that they can use to buy and collect virtual cards.

A parent guide is available to support using Go Read if you require any further support. We hope you enjoy using this new system to log reading.

New for 2021 - Download the GoRead App!

Make logging reading even simpler by downloading the new GoRead parent app:

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