



# Meersbrook Bank Primary School

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## Phonics & Early Reading Parent Meetings

Dear Reception & Year 1 Parents and Carers,

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum offer here at Meersbrook Bank School and we are committed to ensuring every child receives the very best experience when learning to read.

In our school, we:

- Teach a highly structured synthetic phonics programme (Read Write Inc.)
- Ensure cumulative progression of sounds and books which are closely matched to these.
- Build a team of expert reading staff through regular training and monitoring
- Have two dedicated Reading Leaders (Mrs Crawshaw in KS1 and Mrs Williamson in KS2)



In addition to the teaching of reading we also

- Insist that teachers have an excellent knowledge of children's texts
- Have created a progressive reading spine of high quality texts, including poetry which runs from Nursery to Year 6
- Know our children as readers
- Are committed to reading for pleasure by reading aloud every day; holding informal book talk and recommendations; quiet reading time; creating book rich environments

As part of our commitment to excellence in reading we are holding two early reading workshops for parents; a face to face one straight after school and one at 5.30pm via zoom. Both sessions are the same so you would only need to attend one.

**The afternoon session will run at 3.40pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in the Year 1 classroom.** We will offer childcare for school-aged children if you require this.

**The evening online session will begin at 5.30pm on the same evening. The online link is:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82006281056>

If you are the parent of a Year 1 child and attended last year when your child was in reception, the content is the same so please do not feel you need to attend.

I very much hope you are able to attend and look forward to giving you information about our approach to reading and how you can support this exciting part of your child's journey into reading at home.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs B. Crawshaw  
KS1 Reading Leader

