







Dear parents,

Below is a list of the skills we use in school to teach reading (their names, symbol and an explanation).

BOOKFLIX

 Thought Talk	Your child reads, then tells you what they're thinking as they read. Example: <u>Text:</u> The icy wind blew across the man's frown. <u>Child:</u> Icy means cold, so it must be cold weather and the man is frowning, so does this mean he is sad?	 Annotate	As your child reads a text, they're asked to annotate it with ideas/ questions/ thoughts as per the previous skills. It might look a little messier than usual but we just tell ourselves it's a physical representation of their thought processes! ;-)
 Circle & Fix	As your child reads the text, they will be writing on it (see 'Annotate'), as well as circling words that they don't know the meaning of. Once circled, we try to 'fix' the unknown word and we can use varying skills to do so such as think of a synonym, think of another word that'd fit etc. This teaches your child to stop and acknowledge that they don't understand the meaning of a word instead of reading over it.	 Snapshot	This skill is really important as it is one that shows you how much your child has understood. After a few lines, ask them to draw about what they've read and explain it. As the text unfolds, their drawing might need adding to/ altering. It is important that your child is only drawing what they can evidence from the text.
 I predict / wonder	As your child reads, they've been taught to think of predictions about the text. <u>Text:</u> The young girl was beaming with pride and it wasn't the first time. <u>Child:</u> (writes) I predict she's won something as it says she is proud. I wonder what she's won? I wonder if it was a sporting event?	 Links to me	As your child reads, they make links from what they're reading to their own life experiences. <u>Text:</u> The crowd screamed with delight as the hero scored the winning goal. <u>Child:</u> This reminds me of the last time I went to see my team play and they won! I bet the fans feel so happy!

We have built these skills over time and we practice them every day with many, varying texts. We have noticed that the children are becoming much more active in their reading! Over the next few weeks, it would be really useful if you were to discuss and use these skills when discussing texts and reading with your child 😊