

# Curriculum update

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## Reading books

This week we will start to share reading books with the children. The process of reading this year will be slightly different but we have to ensure that books are shared hygienically and safely between home and school.

Reading books will be sent home every **Monday** and will be collected back in every **Friday**. These are the only days that books should be in school and it is imperative they are returned on Friday. Please do not bring books to school on any other days! We are collecting them in on a Friday to allow them to be quarantined over the weekend ready to send a new book home on Monday.

To begin with, I will send one book home to share with your child's new reading record and both should be returned together. You can share this story as many times as you like and you can record each 'read' in their reading record book. If you have shared that story at home and wish to share your own stories from home you can also record those in their reading record books as a 'read' too. The children are allowed to count 'one read' for each week day and one 'read' for the weekend. When the children reach 40 reads, they will be allowed to choose a story to take home and keep. This then continues to 80, 120, 160 and 200 reads.

I will create a video sharing more detail about reading and phonics and will inform you as soon as it is on Madley TV.

I have loved being able to talk to you all about your child settling into school. There are a few people left to catch up with, which I endeavour to complete this week.

## Exploring number one

Last week we began to explore number one. We talked about how we know it is one thing and we are also focusing on identifying one without needing to count.

Home challenge – At home, can you find one of something? How do you know it is one? Can you find the number 1? How many places can you find it? Investigate number one at home, take photos and send them to [admin@madley.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@madley.hereford.sch.uk) and we can share them in the classroom together.

## Phonics

We have begun our phonics sessions and have started with three sounds 's' 'a' 't'. The children have been practicing: correctly pronouncing the sounds, spotting the sounds in words and matching them to an object. We have loved exploring the sounds and are looking forward to learning three more sounds this week. When your sharing stories at home, look out for our new sounds.

## Leaf Man

We loved sharing the story Leaf Man and made our own leaf creations. The children used: the Autumn leaves that have been falling, acorns from the oak tree, feathers and anything else that could find from the forest floor. The children had such imaginative ideas and enjoyed creating lots of different things. We talked about what would happen to the leaves and in the story the leaves "go wherever the wind blows" and we will check our creations to see what has happened over the weekend.