



Parent and Carer Termly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

This term we're delighted to share our new **bite-sized phonics training for parents**. These short, practical videos explain how phonics works and how you can support your child at home, in just a few minutes each.

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Alongside this, I recently came across a powerful photo from a school display on reading. It struck me because it showed how 15–20 minutes of daily reading can add up to more than a million words in a year, the equivalent of 60 full school days. The message is clear: *consistency matters most*. Small, daily habits build into something huge over time.

Setting the Weather

As parents, you “set the weather” for reading time. If you show your child that reading together is calm, enjoyable, and that there's nowhere else you'd rather be, they will feel that too. Your presence and attitude make these moments special and memorable.

Books

Decodable and Non-Decodable Books Children often bring home two types of books, and both play an important part in learning to read.

- **Decodable books** are specially written to match the sounds your child has been taught in class. They let children practise their new skills straight away and experience success in sounding out words.
- **Non-decodable books** (sometimes called “sharing books”) are chosen for language and enjoyment. These are for you to read together, to talk about the pictures, explore the story, and enjoy rich vocabulary.

Keep Exploring If you'd like to see more examples of decodable books, take a look at our eBook site:

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Plus visit our **Parent Shop** where you'll find a wide range of resources to support reading at home:

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One type builds the *skill* of reading. The other builds the *love* of reading. Both are equally important.

25%off Parent eBook Subscription - Limited Offer

Keep reading fun and consistent this holiday! If your child is just starting school or in the first few years of learning to read, Monster Phonics eBooks make it simple to stay on track.

Our 300+ **decodable eBooks and comics** follow a clear sequence so every story builds confidence step by step. With fiction, non-fiction, and comic adventures all linked to what children learn in school, Monster Phonics turns reading practice into something they'll love, anytime, anywhere.



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Take away for this term:

Fifteen to twenty minutes of daily reading at home will make all the difference. Keep going — and thank you for setting the weather for your child's journey into reading.

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