Pre-School Home Learning

**Parent Guidance**

There is no requirement for your child to be able to read before they start their Reception year. However, there are some skills which you can help them develop in preparation.

In order to begin learning letters, the children first need to develop their listening skills and their ability to hear and differentiate between different sounds. The children work on developing these skills at pre-school with a range of different games and activities – several of which are included in the document:

‘Letters and Sounds – activities to do at home’.

The following website (which you will need to log on to but which is currently free) [www.phonicsplaycomics.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/) also has a number of online listening activities suitable for your child: Go to the home page, click on resources and then select Phase 1.

***However, most importantly of all, is simply to share and enjoy books together with your child. Ideally your child should have the opportunity to share a book with a grown-up every day.***

Talk your child about the stories and ask questions i.e. what has happened so far, what might happen next? What does the word...... mean? How is… (the character) feeling – how do you know? What is the character thinking – why do you think that?

Help them develop their imagination around the story - how could the ending have been different?

There are lots of books read on Youtube and I’ve provided a list of ‘Brilliant Books’ incase it helps with searches.

Booktrust.org.uk has great books being read – go to their website and go to HomeTime Hub.