

# Reading at St Francis

Come and have a look

# Early reading - phonics

- In Early Years and KS1 children learn how to read individual sounds and then blend them into words.
- Each child is taught at the level they are at and expected to make rapid progress as they gain confidence and fluency.

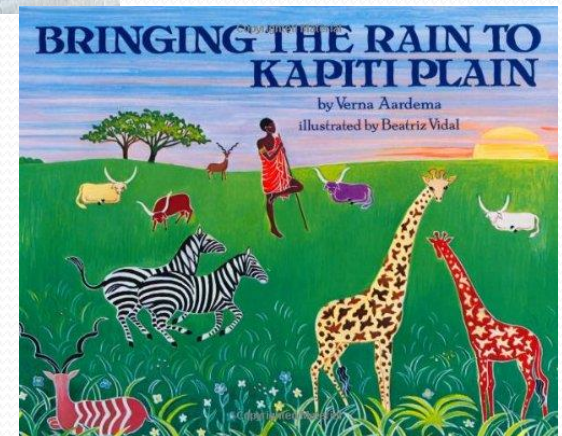
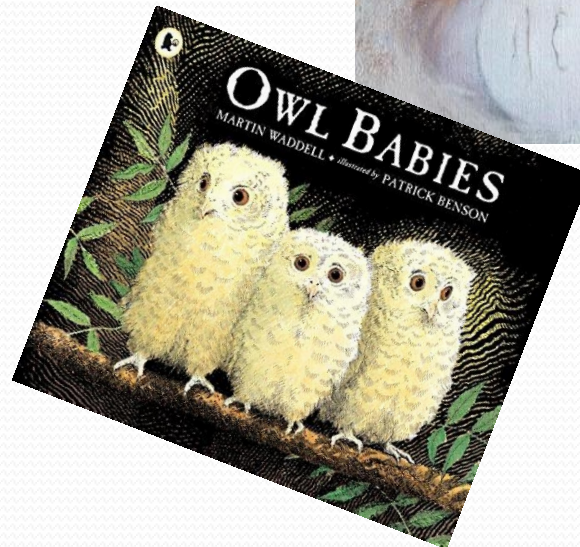
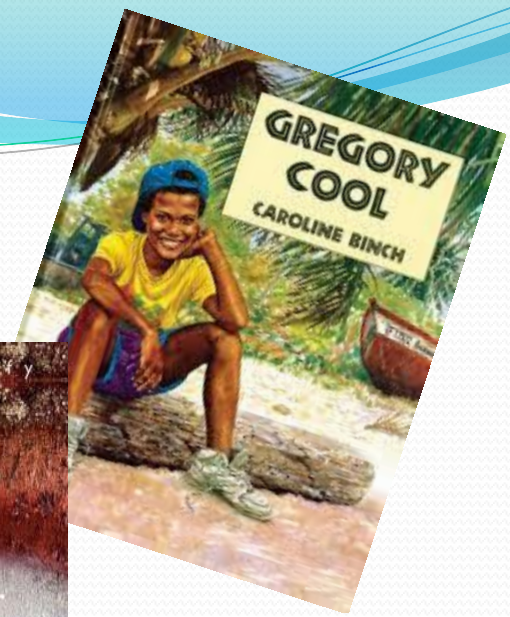
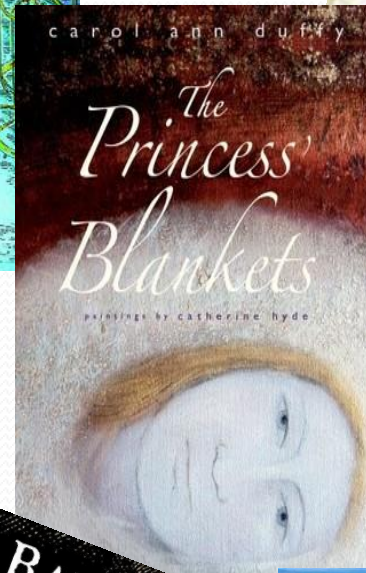
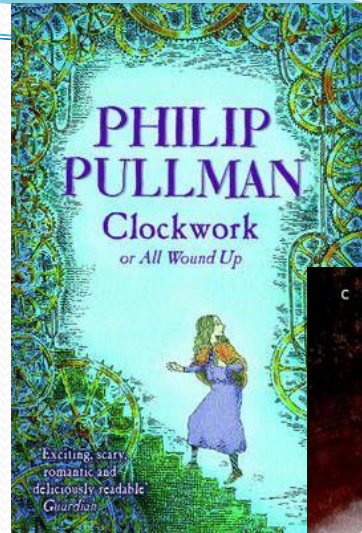


# The power of reading

- This whole school teaching approach uses quality children's literature and proven creative teaching approaches to engage teachers and children in the literacy curriculum and develop a whole school love of reading and writing.
- The activities are designed to encourage children to read the books more intensively and to reflect on them through talk and writing. Young writers learn a lot about writing from their reading and can use these texts as a starting point and inspiration for their own writing. In this way, the programme becomes a means of pulling together and giving shape to work in literacy.

## The Books

The books are carefully chosen and all lend themselves to being thought and talked about at length. They are powerful, well-written books, likely to engage children, stir their ideas and feelings and involve them in discussion. Each book is the focus of a unit of work lasting between two to five weeks providing opportunities for a wide range of work in literacy. Working with full-length books, not extracts, means that children get to know a book well and experience it as a whole.



# Comprehension sessions

Once children become confident in decoding (reading the words on a page), then it is time to start working on what they understood from what they read.



We have daily sessions for comprehension and use 3 different types of questions (looking, clue and thinking) to explore and respond to quality texts. Children are also taught the different skills needed to be able to understand a text and respond to it both verbally and in writing.

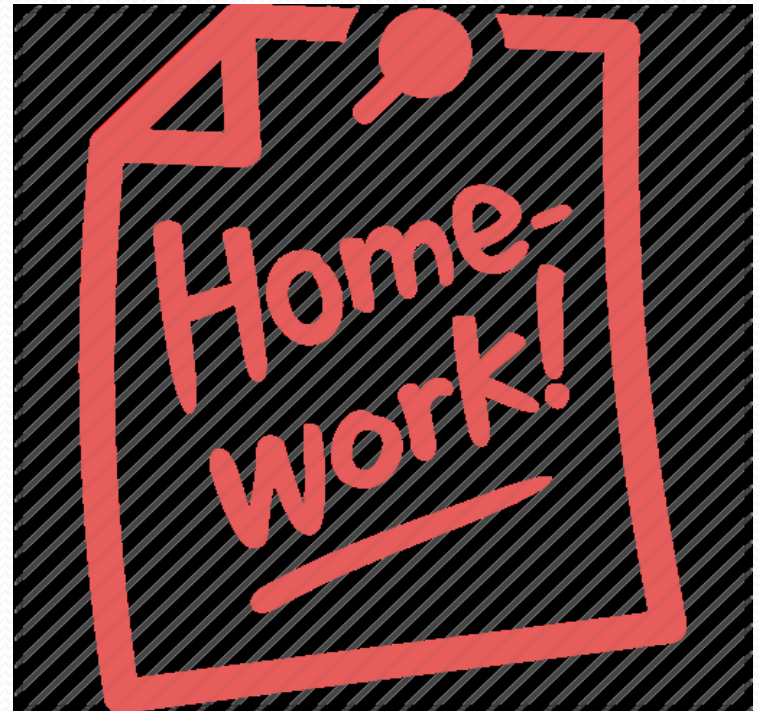


# Weekly comprehension homework

Every Friday your child will take home comprehension homework to complete.

Please help them to understand the text, particularly the key vocabulary and make sure they answer the questions as completely as possible.

Keep checking the marked homework every week to make sure your child is making progress.



# Home school reading



This is an essential part of your child's learning development. We all know that practice makes perfect!

Your child will always have in his or her bag one or more school books which you need to read with them; but most importantly discuss with them!

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Books are regularly changed in school either by an adult further down the school, or by your own child as they grow more independent so please ensure the books are in school on your child's reading day or when they have finished reading it.