

Chalfont St Peter Infant School

Your child is reading **Cerise** level books.

Word Level Targets

- To read an increasing number of high and medium frequency words
- To identify and discuss words in text
- To check meaning if needed in a dictionary

Sentence Level Targets

- To read text accurately and confidently with pace and fluency
- Look for speech marks and use different voices for different characters
- Knows how language is used to create effects

Text Level Targets

- Make links between text and diagrams and illustrations
- Use an index and understand layout in non-fiction texts
- Discuss the actions of main characters and justify views using evidence
- Explores underlying themes and ideas making clear reference to text
- Draws on knowledge of authors and types of books to inform choices

Here are some ways you can help your child at home:

Listen to your child read as often as possible! Ten minutes every day is more effective than one 30-minute session.

- Read regularly at home.
- Make sure your reading flows. Don't forget to use punctuation.
- Begin to use detective skills to explain ideas.
- Use what you already know to make sense of the text.
- Workout the main themes/ideas and show understanding.
- Skim-read to get an overall impression. Scan for details and key words.
- Consider the way the text is set out on the page and say how this helps you to understand it.
- Use the contents, index and glossary pages to help you find things.
- Recognise the different ways things are said (slang, chatty, speech, poetic etc.).
- Say who the main characters are. Find some good words to describe them.
- Never just say 'it was boring' or 'it was good'. Explain your opinions.
- When sharing your ideas back them up with evidence from the text.
- Get the message across by the way you use your voice when reading aloud.
- When the going gets tough and the books get harder, stick with it.
- Enjoy a wide variety of books by different authors.
- Choose some non-fiction and read to improve your knowledge of a subject.
- Find and use information texts to help you with your school work (history, science etc.).
- Chat to an adult about the book you are reading.
- Break long words into syllables. Use your sounds to work out each bit.
- Read lots of different types of books.
- Use a dictionary to look up words. How quickly can you find them?