# **Reading and Writing at Home**

Lots of parents regularly ask us to suggest some suitable websites and/or apps that can be used by the children to help and encourage them with their reading and writing at home. To support you with this we have created this leaflet to share some of the websites and apps that we use in school. I am sure that there are many more available but these are just a few that we think are useful. If you need any further help with your child's reading or writing please speak to your child's teacher.

# Oxford Reading Tree Website

# www.oxfordowl.co.uk

This is a free website which has copies of lots of Oxford Reading Tree books that you can share at home. You will need to register but it gives you access to fiction and non-fiction texts. The books are suitable for 3-11 year olds.

#### **Twinkl Website**

#### https://www.twinkl.co.uk/

We use this website for lots of activities in school. It is also the scheme that we use for phonics. Although you need to subscribe to use the website there are lots of activities and resources which are free to use.

# Jelly and Bean Website

## www.jellyandbean.co.uk

This is a free website which gives you access to free activity sheets, handwriting sheets and high frequency words. This is a great website if your child is in Reception or Year One and is reading the Jelly and Bean books.

#### **Forest Phonics by ICT Games**



# https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/forestP honics/index.html)

This is a great website for helping with building and segmenting words. The game covers 30 spelling patterns suitable for children between the ages of 4 and 7 years of age.

#### **Teach Your Monster To Read Website**

#### www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

This website covers everything from learning letters and sounds to reading sentences.



### Teach Your Monster App by Teach Monster Games Ltd

This is a chargeable app (£4.99) which covers learning to read, matching letters and sounds and blending and segmenting skills. It is compatible with iPhone, iPad and iPod touch.

# Pocket Phonics App by Apps in my Pocket Ltd



This is a chargeable app (£5.99) that teaches children letter sounds, first words and handwriting. Can be downloaded onto Apple devices only.

#### **Doorway Website**

# https://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/activities/letterformation/

This is a free website which can help with letter and number formation. It is especially good for children who are in Early Years and are just learning how to form letters and numbers correctly.

#### **Phonics Bloom Website**



#### https://www.phonicsbloom.com/

This website can help with phonics and building and segmenting words. Some of the games and activities are free, others need a subscription which costs £15 per year for one user.

#### Crazy Cursive Letters App by MBE



This is a chargeable app (£2.49) which allows you to practice cursive letter formation and word writing. Your child can practice writing the top 100 words in cursive style and can also type in their own words to practice. Letters are sounded out phonetically as you write them.

### **Phonics Play Website**



#### https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/

This is a great website which can help with phonics and building and segmenting words. Some of the games and activities are free, others need a subscription which costs £6 per year for one user.