Primary 1 Reading at St. Vincent’s

In the next few weeks, when your child has started learning sounds and common words, he/she should start to recognise these in their reading book. For the next couple of weeks the focus is more on them getting used to the format of the book and the weekly routine at home. The **discussion** you have about the book is **very important** and this format will be extended slightly in the next few weeks once they can begin reading for themselves.

At St. Vincent’s we use Book Banding. This gives a progression path for reading and your child will read at their own pace. The first band in Primary 1 is pink, then red, then yellow. The reading scheme that we use in school is called Big Cat and the books that we send home are Oxford Reading Tree (ORT). The book colour that is sent home will correspond to the colour they are reading in class.

A suggestion of how to read with your child at home is below:

**Night 1**

* Adult reads the book to the child. Remind your child that you are reading from left to right. Point out the finger spaces between the words. Point out the capital letter and full stop.
* Discuss title and front cover
* From looking at front cover:
  + What do you see?
  + What could happen in the story?
* Discuss the characters.
* At the end discuss what happened in the story.
* Ask them, “What do you think would have happened if…”

**Night 2**

* Can you remember what happened in the book?
* Try to find any sounds (phonemes) and common words they have learned so far.