

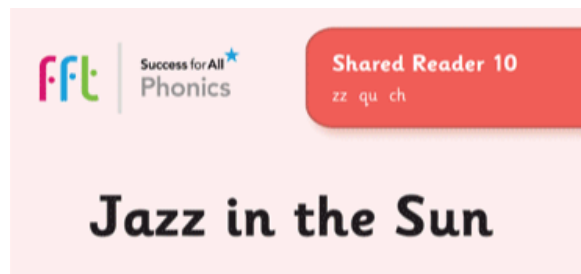


Reception: Welcome to Big Cat Collins Books!

A **Big Cat Collins colour- banded book** will be sent home each night. This book will match your child's reading ability. These books will be changed once a week. The Big Cat Collins books have a picture of a lion and a coloured band on the back and front of the book.

Sound Cards will be sent home each night. These will link with the phonics sounds the children are learning in the classroom. New sounds will be added as the children learn them.

A **Shared Reader text** will also be sent home each week. This is a text that will be read at school during reading lessons and the children can read this to you at home. A **Shared Reader text** will have the word 'Shared Reader' across the top and the specific phonics sounds the children will focus on when reading that text.



Expectations:

- Choose between the **Big Cat Collins banded book** and the **Shared reader text** and read at least **four times** a week.
- Reading diary to be **signed** by an adult every time your child reads.
- The **Sound Cards, Big Cat Collins books, Shared Readers** and **reading diaries** need to be brought into school **every day**.

Reading Challenge

A Reading Challenge has been set up in the classroom so children can move along each time they read at home. Reward/Prizes will be given to those who reach the end of the Reading Challenge.

Library Books

Your child will select a library book weekly which they will bring home to enjoy. Reception's library slot is a **Friday**, so library books need to be in school that day so children can change them. Although we appreciate care will be taken to look after these books, there will be a small charge of £3 to replace any lost books.