



Reading at Home in a Nutshell – Purple Blending Books

Your child is now at the stage where they have a purple blending book to practise at home. The blending books allow children to apply their reading skills and are matched to the sounds they have been taught so far.

Your child needs to practise each blending book three times during the week. In the first and second read your child will be focussing on reading each sound individually and it may seem robotic.

In the third read, their word recognition will become quicker allowing a faster pace. They might be able to just read the word without blending the sounds.

In addition to this, your child will have access to a library book which should be read jointly with someone from home.

How else can I support my child at home?

Whilst it is not compulsory to purchase any support materials at home, if you do wish to purchase items, we would highly recommend these cards which can be bought from Amazon for less than £5. They will help to reinforce the sounds and pictures used and provide familiar illustrations to aid memory and learning. They also come with advice on how to use them and play various games.

