

# Guided Reading at Robert Mellors

You may have heard your child talk about *Guided Reading* or have seen that written in your child's Reading Record. This letter will explain what we do in that time.



Guided reading happens every week in every class. During this session your child will be grouped with other children of a similar Reading ability in a group of about 6.

In the session, which will last for about 20 minutes, the teacher will work with that group.

The children will then:

- Take turns to read from the same book or read part of the same book to themselves.
- Look at any tricky words in the book, practising ways to sound them out or remember them for next time.
- Take part in a discussion, led by the teacher, to make sure they have understood what they have read.
- Answer questions about the main plot of the book or why some of the characters have behaved as they have.

During this time the teacher is able to ensure that each child is making progress with their reading, and most importantly as the children get older, understand what they are reading.

This is an important part of reading which you can continue at home. As your child gets older asking them about their reading is an excellent way of helping them become better readers.

Shortly you will have an opportunity to come into school to watch a *Guided reading session* take place. In the meantime if you have any queries about this, or any other part of your child's reading please don't hesitate to see your child's teacher.

