Decodable Reader Guide

Reading with your child each day helps build their confidence and fluency. This five-day guide will support you in making the most of their decodable reader each week–just a few minutes a day can make a big difference!

Day 1: First Read – Sounding Out Words
- Have your child point to each word as they read.
- Encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics skills.
- If they get stuck, remind them to look at the sounds in the word.
- Notice any heart words they know.

Day 2: Second Read – Building Fluency
- Read the book again to build confidence.
- Encourage your child to read more smoothly, without pausing too much.
- Praise their effort and celebrate improvements.

Day 3: Third Read – Expression and Understanding
- Have your child read with expression (e.g., making their voice match the sentence).
- Ask simple questions: "What happened in the story?" "Who are the characters?"
- The back of the book may have questions to ask.

Day 4: Word Hunt & Practice
- Choose 3-5 words from the book and ask your child to read and write them.
- Play a quick game: Find words with the same sounds (e.g., "Can you find another word with the 'sh' sound?").

Day 5: Final Read & Fun Retell
- Let your child read the book one last time to show off their progress!
- Ask them to retell the story in their own words.
- Celebrate their hard work with a high five or a special sticker!

Types of Books Sent Home

Decodable Text

A book matched to your child's phonics knowledge, helping them practise sounding out words and blending sounds. Your child should read this book with support to build confidence and fluency.

Online Decodable Text (Sunshine Online Texts)

A digital decodable reader available through Sunshine Online. These books provide extra reading practice, reinforcing phonics skills in a fun and interactive way.

Library Book

A book chosen for enjoyment, read aloud by an adult. This helps develop your child's vocabulary, listening skills, and love of reading without the pressure of decoding words themselves.