



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

At The Solent Schools, we know that learning to read is central to all learning at school. Last year, we introduced an online library called Collins Big Cat eBooks, to enable us to provide you with access to **fully decodable** books, at home. We are pleased to inform you that we have continued our subscription to the Collins Big Cat eBook library. With this library, your child or children will have access to **fully decodable** colour-banded eBooks. Each child has their own login and is assigned books by their class teacher. These books are the same colour level as those being read, in class and the teacher is able to view which books each child has read. It is important that children read books at their correct phonic level to support fluency, understanding and spelling. Please see how Year R and Key Stage 1 will be using the Big Cat eBook programme.

**Year R** - Guided Reading books will continue to be sent home each week. On the weekly home learning sheet uploaded to Tapestry on a Thursday, your child's class teacher will set your child a **fully decodable** eBook to read.

**KS1** - After Christmas, children will be set the task of reading a Big Cats eBook/s every 3rd week of school. There will be no guided reading book sent home that week as children will be accessing the eBooks. Your child's class teacher will suggest either fiction or non-fiction and set a homework linked to it for the week. E.g. a book review or a poster. This is to provide children with more high-quality reading material that is also presented in different ways.

**On our Solent Infant School website, there are links to Big Cats at the top of each Year Group Home Page. Apps are also now available from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.**

The Big Cat logins are very straightforward and most follow the format below.

Username :- uksisfornameinitialsurname

Password :- Reading1

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For example pupil: Joe Bloggs would be...

Username: ukxisjbloggs

Password: Reading1

If you are unable to sign in, please visit [Tech Support | Solent Infant School \(thesolentschools.org\)](https://thesolentschools.org) and complete the online form. Please note that Year R pupils do not yet have books assigned.

We hope that you enjoy this fantastic resource.

Kind regards,

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KS1 Leader and English Lead

