



The Importance of Reading

The importance of reading for children cannot be underestimated. Reading for pleasure can benefit a child's education, social and cognitive development, their wellbeing, and their mental health.

Engaging with books allows us to be transported to other places and worlds. We can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters or learn more about the world around us.

Reading is a key life skill. It is placed at the heart of our curriculum; we have carefully selected texts which will ignite children's imagination, inspire their curiosity and provide a window to the world.

It is commonly said that a child's future academic success and job prospects are directly related to their reading proficiency.

Parents in Partnership

It is crucial for both school and parents to work closely together when promoting a love of reading. We need you to create a home environment where reading is encouraged and seen as a pleasurable experience.

Spending just 10-15 minutes reading with your child every day will be invaluable in developing their ability and desire to read and learn.



Reading is the key to success...

High-quality books

We will provide your child with a Free Reader book, which is for your child to read to themselves or to you (these books have a 'Reading for Pleasure' sticker on).

These books are a mix of fiction, non-fiction and poetry and also promote diversity, inclusion, well-being and curricular links. Re-reading is promoted for any of these books.

The design of our Free Reader offer is part of our Reading for Pleasure strategy.

Supporting your child

- Encourage your child to read daily
- Ask your child to express their thoughts on their book in their Reading Journal
- Make reading time pleasurable by finding a quiet, comfortable space for your child to read
- Ask your child questions about the book they are reading
- Praise their reading efforts
- Keep reading to your child even though they can read themselves. Enjoy sharing books!
- Ask them about books/stories they are reading at school

School Routines

- Your child will have an offer of school's 40 chosen books for their year group. These are a mix of fiction, non-fiction, poetry and they include classics.
- Your child has a record in school which notes which books they have read so the teacher can support them with choices on their next book to take home
- Some books are likely to take longer than a week to read – there is no need to return them each week.
- Reading Journals are checked by the class teacher and celebrated across school.