



## 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 supporting your child to learn to read. 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 ensure that your child has a reading book which is suitably pitched to build both confidence as a reader and fluency – this is their book band book. In Reception, Year 1 and for some children in Year 2, this is teamed up with a phonics sound practice book.

We will also provide your child with a reading for pleasure book, which is for you to read **to** your child (these books have a 'Reading for Pleasure' sticker on). This is part of our Reading for Pleasure strategy. 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 the reading for pleasure books.

## Supporting your child

- Read daily with your child
- Log your child's reading in their Reading Record
- Make reading time pleasurable by finding a quiet, comfortable space and giving your child your full attention.
- Ask your child simple questions as they read to check their understanding
- Use positive language and praise their reading efforts
- Read to your child as part of your evening routine. This builds vocabulary, feeds imagination and can even improve sleep patterns
- Ask them about books/stories they are reading at school

## School Routines

- Your child's reading books will be changed every week (book band book, sound practice book and reading for pleasure book)
- Reading records are checked weekly
- If your child is being taught phonics, they may have their sound practice book assigned on Oxford Owl (instead of a real sound practice book). If you need a login for your child, please speak to their class teacher. **Currently, all Year 1 children will have their sound practice book assigned on this platform.**