



## 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 two book band books (when they are on bands up to and including white) which are suitably pitched to build both confidence as a reader and fluency. When children move to Lime band, we move to one book band book a week (however parents/carers can always request more). If your child is accessing phonics intervention, they will also be assigned a sound practice e-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
- Encourage your child to express their thoughts on their Reading for Pleasure book in their Reading Journal
- 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 book band books will be changed every week
- Reading records are checked weekly
- If your child is being taught phonics or having phonics interventions, they will also have their sound practice book assigned on Oxford Owl or have a sound practice book sent home. If you need a login for your child, please speak to their class teacher.
- Your child will also take one of the year group's chosen 40 books as a Reading for Pleasure book. This is for you to read **to** your child. Due to the length of these books, they may take longer than a week to read and there is no need to return them weekly.