

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 and when supporting children 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 provide your child with a Reading for Pleasure Book weekly. 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 choice of the mapped books is part of our Reading for Pleasure strategy.

We will also provide (once the children are ready), a wordless book band book.

Supporting your child

Wordless Books

- Make predictions from the front cover – parent/carer to model making a sensible guess and encourage children to do the same. It doesn't matter if your guess isn't right, it's just about using clues from the pictures.
- Parent/carer to read the blurb (if there is one) and make predictions about the book from this too.
- Look at the pages in order and talk about what is happening on the left-hand page before the right-hand page.
- Teach them how to turn the pages carefully.
- Talk about what is happening on each page, rather than just talking about what they see in each picture.
- If there are characters, discuss what they might say or say to each other.
- Ask them to tell you who or what the book is about.
- Ask them if they liked the book or not and what was their favourite picture and explain why.

School Routines

- When the children are ready for a book band book, your child's wordless book (lilac) will be changed each week
- Your child's reading for pleasure book will be changed each week. These are books to read to your child and enjoy together
- Reading records are checked weekly