

# Reading

**Our aim is to foster, encourage and develop a love of books and language by all children.**

- Listen to your child read every day this could be the school reading book, a library book, comics, newspapers, joke books and computer game instructions etc. Please don't think the only books they can read at home are school books.
- Expose them to range of text types eg-poetry, stories & information books.
- You are a huge role model to your child- make sure they see you reading as an enjoyable pastime too!
- Children benefit greatly from listening and talking about texts so please **read to your** child regularly and check they understand what they hear. It is important to their development that children hear texts being read that are more difficult than they can read.  
By reading higher level texts to your child you will be exposing them to a wide range of vocabulary that will then filter down into their spoken and written work. Children hear a far greater range of vocabulary through books than in just spoken language.
- Reading is all about enjoyment! Try to make it as pleasurable an experience as possible. If your child does not enjoy reading at the moment- read to them & spend time talking about the story, making predictions and asking them their opinions about events in the story/ poem or about the facts in a non-fiction book.
- Children could use books at home to research facts and make mini projects.
- Talking and role playing are hugely important to the development of language. You and your child could act out stories, put on different voices etc. These elements form a big part of our curriculum so they are used to these activities.
- When your child becomes a fluent reader, please check their comprehension is keeping up! Sometimes a child will 'read' a text faultlessly yet when questioned have not understood any of it. Talking about the text is very important and encouraging inference and deduction skills (reading between the lines) is a high level skill that readers need as their fluency increases.
- Keep listening to your child read regardless of how well they are doing. Your input, questioning and interest in their reading, is vital to their progress.
- Children benefit greatly from revisiting/ re-reading a text so please don't think that once a book has been read once that it needs changing straight away. Re-reading allows time to revisit tricky vocabulary, consolidate understanding and increase fluency.
- It has shown up in research that children who have poor literacy skills can find many areas of the curriculum difficult to access and can become disengaged learners. Children who are heard read at home regularly ( at least 3 times a week) achieve better across all areas of the curriculum.
- Please click on the links to see some examples of how to get the most out of hearing your child read at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kT2yEKZeCgk>

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