



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 actively teach their child 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.

We will also provide your child with a free-choice library book for enjoyment. Allowing children free choice helps them to develop their identities as a reader as they learn which books/ authors they like and which they do not.

Our school reading scheme begins with Dandelion Readers which is a phonic reading series using the progression of the 'Sounds~Write' reading and spelling programme which we use for teaching phonics. Your child will read through each unit until they have successfully read and retained the majority of sounds to the end of Level 4.

Supporting your child

Read regularly with your child and make it a time of the day you look forward to.

Make reading time pleasurable by finding a quiet, comfortable space and giving your child your full attention.

Log your child's reading in their Reading Record.

Encourage your child to read their book more than once to develop confidence and fluency.

Provide strategies to enable them to read new/unfamiliar words.

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.

Provide a range of reading material for them to access at home.

School Routines

Your child's reading book will be changed when they have read it. They have weekly library sessions and weekly book talk sessions in KS2.

Reading records are checked each week and monitored for home reading.

Your child may be heard read by adults in school, by older children, during lessons, in Book Talk sessions and they will have many opportunities to read books independently across the curriculum.