



## 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.

## 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.



## Reading is the key to success...

## School Routines

- Your child will have an opportunity to change their home reading book at least twice throughout the week.
- Reading records are checked every day.
- Books for your child will also be issued on Oxford Reading Tree which you can also access at home - if you need a login for your child, please speak to their class teacher.

## Supporting your child

- Read at least 3 times per week with your child
- Log your child's reading in their Reading Record so that they can access school rewards
- 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 (your child's class books are shared on the half termly overviews)