



## Reading at home

### **“Reading opens the door to Achievement”**

At school this year we are continuing to promote the importance of reading at home.



There is strong research evidence showing the positive difference it makes when parents and family members get involved in a child's education. Parental involvement in encouraging reading is key. Children whose families read for pleasure are more likely to take it for granted that reading is a worthwhile activity. Reading is the key to success in all other areas of the curriculum and has been shown to have the greatest impact on children's future achievement.

For more information visit:

[www.literacytrust.org.uk/familyreading/parentalinvolvement.doc](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/familyreading/parentalinvolvement.doc)

Helping your child to learn to read and learn to love reading is one of the greatest gifts you can give them. Reading bedtime stories is a fabulous way to encourage a love of reading, to develop vocabulary and comprehension skills. Listening to your child read a little every day or as often as you can manage is so important in developing their skills too.



At school we provide a reading activity rich curriculum in an environment that encourages a love and enjoyment of reading. To help promote and share what we do in school, we will be setting up various initiatives that will help us work together to raise attainment in reading.

Many children can find reading challenging and so finding different ways to engage your child can be key. Most children enjoy using IT and so below are some links to free on-line resources including free books and advice which can help make reading fun at home:

Oxford Owls:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/welcome/for-home/reading-owl/reading>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

Phonics play:

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

Mr Thorne does Phonics:

<http://www.mrthorne.com/>



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There are also lots of phonics and reading apps such as ‘Reading with Biff, Chip and Kipper (RWBCK)’ and ‘Spell with Pip’, available if you have a tablet or smartphone. The Amazon Kindle App is free to download to any tablet or computer and there are lots of free books to download for your children too.



If your child is already a fluent reader it is still really important to continue to read with them as well as allowing them the opportunity to read independently. Reading aloud to your child, for example, allows them to access more challenging texts that they would struggle to read independently. This allows them to develop vocabulary and comprehension ready to move onto the next stage. Listening to your child a few times a week allows you to check their comprehension of the story and their pronunciation of new vocabulary. For more tips and advice for older children check out this website:

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/how-to-share-books/older-children/>

Over the next year we will be trying to work alongside families to promote reading and to help ensure we provide the most useful support that suits your needs, we would be grateful if you could complete the slip below and return it to school in your child’s book bag.

If you have any questions about reading in school please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or your child’s class teacher.

Many thanks for your support.

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Reading Support Ideas	Yes	No
I would interested in coming to a reading café at school.		
I would like to come to a reading workshop at school.		
I would like more advice and support on reading at home.		
I would like more resources for home reading activities.		
I would be interesting in coming into school to help with reading activities.		
I would like more reading based homework.		
Further comments/questions/ideas:		

Pupil/s name:.....Class:.....

Signed:.....