

READING

Research shows that reading consistently and regularly at home gives positive long term outcomes to your child.

Reading improves concentration - Children have to sit still and quietly so they can focus on the story when they're reading. Reading also relaxes the body and calms the mind whilst also exercising the connections in the brain.

Reading teaches children about the world around them - Through reading, they learn about people, places and events outside their own experience. Reading improves a child's vocabulary, leads to more highly-developed language skills and improves the child's ability to write well. Children learn new words as they read as well as seeing how to structure sentences and how to use language effectively.

Reading develops a child's imagination - When we read we translate the descriptions of people, places and things into pictures. Reading helps children develop empathy - When we're engaged in a story, we imagine how the characters are feeling and use our own experiences to imagine how we would feel in the same situation.

We expect all pupils from Reception to Year 6 to read daily to an adult. We want to encourage a love of reading!

EYFS + KS1

We recommend reading the same book three times over, to become fluent and confident with the text. It is important that pictures are used to encourage children. They are useful in helping with unfamiliar words or to retell stories. Some discussion point can be:

- Who is the main character?
- What might happen next?
- What was your favourite part of the story?

KS2

We would recommend the adult holds the following sorts of discussions post reading for KS2 children:

- Can you summarise the story so far?
- Why do you think that the author chose that word?
- What effect does this sentence have on the reader?
- Does this remind you of any other books you have read?



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Coronavirus Update

In response to the ongoing situation, we have decided to make PhonicsPlay free to use during this period. Children can use the site at home without their parents needing to subscribe. To access our resources all you need to do is log on using the following details

Username: **march20** Password: **home**

We are currently very close to completing a new version of the PhonicsPlay site that is accessible on all phones and tablets. We will therefore also ensure that it is possible for users to freely access this new version of the site (with apologies in advance for any areas of the site that are not yet fully finished or double checked). The site can be accessed here: new.phonicsplay.co.uk.

Our aim to ensure that existing subscribers aren't disadvantaged and will seek to make sure that after the school closures are over and the site returns to normal, that existing subscribers have additional time added to their subscription.

If you haven't already discovered www.phonicsplaycomics.co.uk you may also find these free decodable comics useful at a time when you can't physically exchange your children's decodable reading books.

We wish you good health and all the very best at this stressful time.