



## 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.

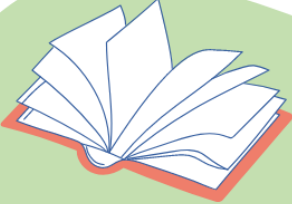
Engaging with books allows us to be transported to other places and worlds. We can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters or learn more about the world around us.

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.

## 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.

Reading journal books will also provide your child with a book for enjoyment. Allowing children to read for pleasure develops their identities as a reader as they learn which books/ authors they like and which they do not.

## Supporting your child

- Read at least 3 times per week with your child
- Log your child's reading in their Reading Diary
- 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 curriculum overview plan)

## School Routines

- Your child's reading book will be changed every week
- Reading records are checked every Wednesday
- Some children will also be assigned books on the Little Wandle platform which they can also access at home - if you need a login for your child, please ask