



Our message to families



When children enjoy reading, their skills grow naturally. Thank you for giving your time, attention and enthusiasm – it makes a huge difference ❤️



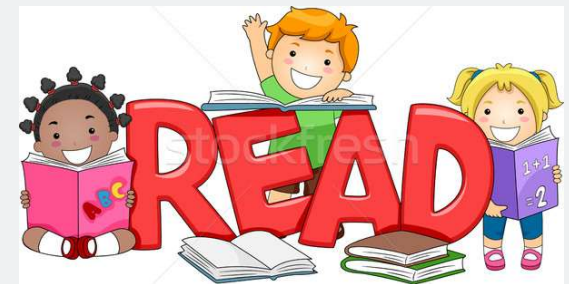
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READING FOR PLEASURE

A family guide to reading for pleasure with your child



What is reading for pleasure?

.Reading for pleasure means enjoying stories, books and texts together.

It's about:

- Sharing stories
- Talking and wondering
- Laughing, predicting and imagining

🚫 It is not about quizzes, tests, or only reading school scheme books.

★ Why does it matter?

Children who enjoy reading are more likely to :

- 🧠 Build a richer vocabulary
- 🧠 Understand texts more deeply
- ✍️ Write with confidence
- ❤️ Develop empathy, imagination and focus

💡 Most important of all: children begin to see reading as something positive and enjoyable.



🏠 What can reading at home look like?



🏠 Reading at home can be relaxed and informal:

📖 Reading aloud to your child (at any age!)

🖼️ Talking about pictures, characters and ideas

📄 Sharing comics, magazines, recipes or instructions

🎧 Listening to audiobooks together

✅ All of these count as reading.

♥ Reassurance for families

You do not need to be an expert reader to support your child.

✓ It's okay to read the same book again and again

✓ It's okay to stop and talk instead of finishing

✓ It's okay if reading time is short – little and often works best

🌱 *Your interest and encouragement matter more than getting everything 'right'.*