

READING FOR PLEASURE AT HOME

A SHORT WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

HELPING CHILDREN ENJOY READING – AND GROW AS READERS

WELCOME

- Today is about:
- Enjoying reading together
- Reducing pressure around reading
- Sharing simple ideas that work at home

- There is no 'right' way to read – every family is different.

WHY READING FOR PLEASURE MATTERS

- Children who enjoy reading:
 - Develop a richer vocabulary
 - Understand what they read more deeply
 - Become more confident writers
 - Build imagination and empathy
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- Most importantly, they begin to see reading as something positive.

WHAT COUNTS AS READING?

- All of these count:
 - Reading books together
 - Comics and graphic novels
 - Non-fiction and fact books
 - Magazines, menus, recipes, instructions
 - Audiobooks
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- Reading does not have to look like school.



THE POWER OF READING ALOUD

- Reading aloud is powerful – at any age.
- It helps children:
 - Hear new words and sentence structures
 - Enjoy stories without pressure
 - Build confidence and understanding
- Even when children can read independently, being read to still matters.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

- You don't need to ask lots of questions.
- Simple comments work best:
 - I liked that part because...
 - That character surprised me
 - What do you think might happen next?
- Talking builds understanding naturally.

SUPPORTING RELUCTANT READERS

- If reading feels hard:
- Keep sessions short
- Let your child choose
- Re-read favourite books
- Try audiobooks or shared reading

- Confidence comes before progress.

MAKING READING PART OF FAMILY LIFE

- Small routines make a big difference:
- 10 minutes a day
- A cosy, relaxed space
- Reading at bedtime or after school

- Little and often is better than long and stressful.

HOW WE SUPPORT READING FOR PLEASURE AT SCHOOL

- Adults read aloud regularly
- Book talk and recommendations
- Time to enjoy books
- Access to a wide range of texts

- Home and school working together makes the biggest difference.

OUR KEY MESSAGES FOR FAMILIES

- Enjoyment comes first
- Choice matters
- Reading together builds connection
- You do not need to be an expert

- Your encouragement matters more than getting every word right.

THANK YOU

- Thank you for supporting your child's reading.
- If you would like book recommendations or further support, please speak to your child's teacher or a member of staff.