

Developing Reading for Pleasure

Why is it important to read at home?

- Hearing your child read every day helps them with their decoding skills.
- Reading stories to your children can help develop their love of reading and increase their vocabulary significantly.

There is growing evidence which shows the importance of reading for pleasure for both educational purposes as well as personal development.

Evidence suggests that this is a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment.

Reading enjoyment has been reported as more important for children's educational success than their family's socio-economic status.

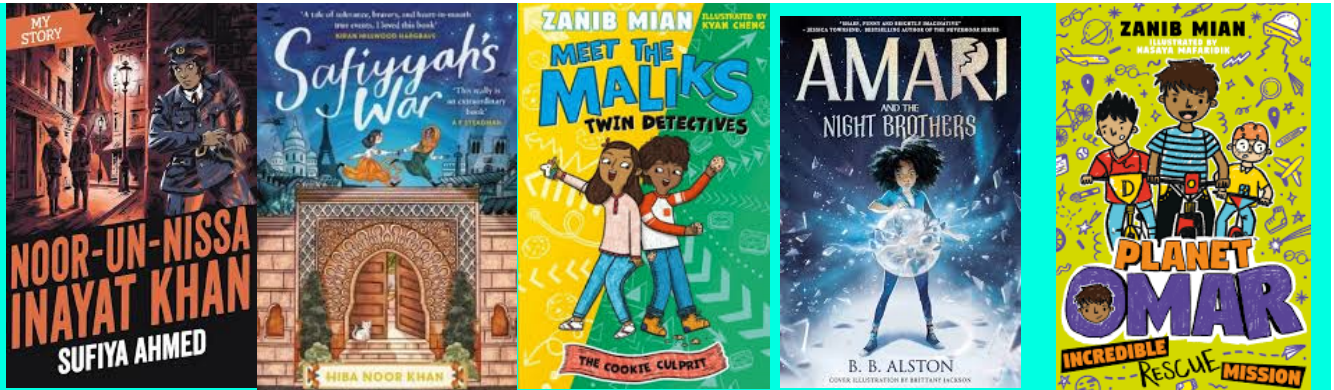
There is a positive link between positive attitudes towards reading and scoring well on reading assessments.

Evidence suggests that reading for pleasure is an activity that has emotional and social consequences.

Other benefits to reading for pleasure include: text comprehension and grammar, positive reading attitudes, pleasure in reading in later life, increased general knowledge.

What we do to promote reading for pleasure in school.

- Class libraries where children can choose a book to read not linked to the reading scheme.
- Every class visits the school library once a fortnight where children have access to a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books to choose from.
- Story time every day - at 2:55 every afternoon class teachers read to their class for 10 minutes.
- ERIC (Everyone Reading in Class) time - 20 minutes two or three times a week where children can read independently.
- Using texts across the curriculum.
- Choosing books that promote authors and characters that reflect their backgrounds.



Elements of reading comprehension

background knowledge

vocabulary

How to get your children reading.

Firstly, it doesn't matter what children are reading, as long as they are reading and understanding what they are reading.

Let your children see you reading.

Talk about what they are reading and why they are enjoying/not enjoying the book they are reading.

Provide access to a wide range of books by different authors and covering different topics.

How to get your children reading.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/genre/9/featured-books-for-9-readers>



How to choose a good book



Changing life stories

Look!

Browse the bookshelves - it's a great idea to have a good look at the books.

READ the blurb!

The blurb is the short paragraph on the back of the cover and tells you something about the story. What does the blurb tell you? Does it makes you want to read the book?

TRY it out

Read a few pages of the book. Do you want to know what happens next? It's fine to put it back if it doesn't feel right.

ASK

...the school librarian, teachers, parents or carers and your friends to recommend a book!

Check out the COVER!

Does it look interesting? What is the title? Who is the author? Is it like books you've tried before?

Think about the GENRE

This is the type of story found in the book. This could be comedy, adventure or fantasy! What other kinds of stories have you enjoyed?

The RIGHT one

Use the five-finger test to help decide if it's the right book for you. Open the book and read a page. Every time you find a word on the page that you don't know, count one finger.

If you get to five, the book is probably too hard, so put it back and try another one.






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Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10am-5pm
Friday	10am-5pm
Saturday	12pm-5pm
Sunday	Closed

