

Great Waltham Church of England Primary School

Reading Information for EYFS and KS1

Why read at home?

There is strong evidence linking reading for pleasure and educational outcomes, however the benefits of reading for pleasure go beyond this and stretch throughout a person's life. Reading increases our understanding of our own identity, improves empathy and gives us an insight into the world view of others.

Sharing Stories

Due to time restraints, many families miss out on bedtime stories but the benefits are huge! Reading to your child for just 10 minutes a day/night can improve their vocabulary and encourage them to read independently.

Choosing Books

We need to allow children to read what they want to (within reason). Some children may find comfort in re-reading a book. There is nothing wrong with this at all. As adults we re-watch films many times and notice new things with each viewing, the same applies with books. Comics, graphic novels and audiobooks are all valid reading materials.

Asking the right questions

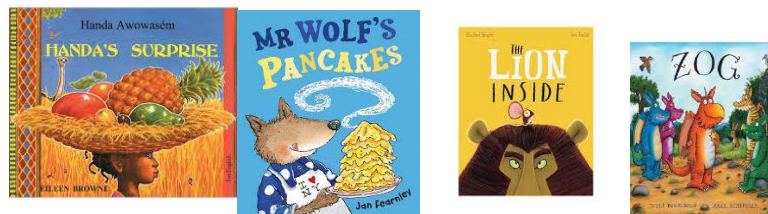
Before reading ask... What do you think will happen in this story? What is happening in this picture? What does the title tell you?

During reading ask What do you think will happen next? What can you tell me about the story so far? Why do you think the character did that? How do you feel about the story so far?

After reading ask... What was your favourite part of the book? What was the problem/solution in the story?

Books you can share at home with your child.

EYFS



Year 1



Year 2



Useful websites to help you with ideas for books to read with your child.

- <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-primary-school-pupils/>
- <https://literacytrust.org.uk/communities/stoke/parents/>
- <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>