



Wincheap Foundation Primary School

'Celebrating individuality, enabling every child to flourish and reach their potential'

Reading for Pleasure

At Wincheap Foundation Primary School, we strive to encourage more children to read for pleasure. Research shows a positive link between reading frequency, enjoyment and educational attainment. Furthermore, reading for pleasure has positive emotional and social benefits, improves text comprehension and grammar skills and increases general knowledge. We have many initiatives that will be taking place in school to encourage reading for pleasure:

- Daily reading aloud in class from a range of texts
- Reading assemblies
- Inspiring reading corners
- World Book Day
- Author visits (some virtual)
- Latest book releases and recommended reads display
- Book sales

Things you can do at home:

To support your child in their development of reading, we recommend that you spend at least 10 minutes per day reading with your child. This can be a combination of you listening to them read their school book, them listening to you read a story book or even taking it in turns. The sharing of reading is a valuable experience for you and your child as it gives you the opportunity to discuss new vocabulary as well as characters, themes and even facts that a range of books can offer.

Here are some other things you can try:

- **Make books part of your family life** - Always have books around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there is a chance!
- **Join your local library** - Get your child a library card!
- **Match their interests** - Help them find the right book - it doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
- **All reading is good** - Don't discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets. Reading is reading and it is all good!
- **Get comfortable** - Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child, either in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa.

- **Ask questions** - Keep them interested in the story, by asking your child questions as you read such as, "What do you think will happen next?" or "Where did we get to last night? Can you remember what has happened already?"
- **Read whenever you get the chance** - Bring along a book or magazine for any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's surgery.
- **Read again and again** - Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.
- **Bedtime stories** - Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child.
- **Rhyme and repetition** - Books are great for encouraging your child and children to join in and remember the words.

Stuck for what to read?

If your child is finding it difficult to know what they want to read, here are some websites you may find helpful:

- <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>
- <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/reading-spine>
- <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>
- <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/>

We greatly appreciate all the time you give in supporting and encouraging your children to read at home and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!