



Reading for  
Enjoyment Policy  
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We believe in the importance of creating a ***reading for pleasure school***. We recognise the link between reading for pleasure and improved literacy levels.

### **Creating a Reading for Pleasure School:**

- The school holds events with writers, illustrators, librarians and book enthusiasts visiting and enthusing the children and parents.
- Book Fairs are invited into school to encourage children to buy books and Author's Book Signings are held in school.
- A member of staff has been trained to run the school library and to encourage and help children in choosing books.
- The school runs a book club, in each Key Stage, linked to the School Library Service: Fantastic Book Awards and Brilliant Book Awards.
- Strong links have been made with the School Library Service to encourage reading for pleasure in school.
- Links have been made with the Local Library to encourage children to participate in the Library Reading Challenges.
- During Book Week, the Library staff visited the school to share stories with KS1 and KS2 children were able to visit the Library, register with them and take their own book out.
- The use of ICT alongside books is encouraged e.g. Reading Apps and Serial Mash
- School values children's own reading choices involving them in selecting stock e.g. Library Service Bus visits and Suggestion Book for new titles.
- Year 6 pupils are trained to be school librarians and play an important role in the library.
- Children from all year groups go out into the community to read to others.
- Links have been made with local High Schools and pupils attend events such as Book Festivals, Drama Workshops and Book Clubs.
- Each day, the teacher will read to the class for 10 minutes – usually at the end of the day. This ensures that children are exposed to high quality texts and can use vocabulary heard in their own writing.
- The Library is considered incredibly important and funds are budgeted to ensure the range of books inspire the children to read. This includes a small monthly budget to obtain new releases.

- All KS1 reading books are suitable for children to phonetically decode. The Library has been organised in order to have up-to-date, exciting books on offer for all children to enjoy.
- All Reception and Year 1 children will have access to their Guided Reading book via the e-library for Little Wandle – this will allow each child to read the book fluently at home after reading it 3 times in school that week.
- All children are encouraged to take home a 'Reading for Pleasure' book from the Library that can be shared with parents/carers at home.
- We focus on an 'Author of the Term' which encourages children to read a variety of books from different, chosen authors.
- Reading areas in school are exciting and encourage children to sit and enjoy a book whenever possible.
- Some children in the school will take part in Lancashire Reading Partners interventions groups where they have 1:1 reading sessions with a trained TA/teacher and focus on fluency and comprehension to help increase their enjoyment of reading.

We believe creating a Reading for Pleasure School gives the children a love of books, a valuable gift that will stay with them for life.

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