

Spotlight on Reading



Reading Buddies

Several children in Year 5 are training to be reading buddies. Every morning they listen to younger children read. The older children are thoroughly enjoying the responsibility this brings and are always eager to get started first thing in a morning. They write meaningful comments and the younger children enjoy reading to another child rather than an adult.

Useful websites

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/reading>

Oxford Owl Reading has 250 free eBooks for you to share with your child as well as simple ideas, top tips, activities and games to help your child with their reading at home.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/teaching>

[A useful website which provides information on how to schools teach reading.](#)

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children>

Whether you're looking for recommended books, the best children's books, the most popular children's books, books for 5-year-olds, books for 11-year-olds, or just information on children's books, this is the place for you.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/primary_support/

How to help your child develop basic learning skills at primary school.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/newsletters/extras>



Written especially for parents, Growing Readers provides monthly tips for raising strong readers.

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

Interactive phonics games.

Ways a Parent Can Help with READING

- 1 Let your child see you reading!
Have magazines and books in your home.
- 2 Help your child find appropriate word & reading games on the computer.
Keep a dictionary on hand. Help your child look up new words they read or hear.
- 3 Read mysteries with your child and try to figure out the clues together.
- 4 Movie version coming out?
Read the book together first, then talk about which you each liked better.
- 5 Set aside a time and place for your child to read - like a comfy chair and a reading light in a quiet place.
- 6 Visit your public library regularly.
Look for and read together the books that were your favorites when you were a kid.
- 7 Encourage your child to write - letters, thank you notes, emails, journals, lists, stories about their own trips, events, and daily life.
- 8 Ask your child questions about what he or she is reading, such as:
 - What is the story about?
 - Who are the important characters in the story?
 - Where does the story take place?
 - Why do you think the character made that choice?
 - Why did that happen?
 - How did you know about...?
 - Would you recommend this book to your friends?
- 9 Ask your child to draw a comic strip about what happens in the story.
Provide word searches, crossword and other word games and puzzles, or help your child make his/her own.

Share with your child about what you're reading... and encourage your child to do the same

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School Menu

We are delighted to attach to this Newsletter a copy of the **new** lunchtime menu which will be introduced on

Pupil Premium

Did you know the Council pays a clothing grant of £20 to primary school age children whose family live in North Lincolnshire and get benefits of any kind? If your child gets a clothing grant, their school gets an extra £1300 from the government every year that can help your child achieve their best. So please can we

Governor News

Following on from the Parent Forum Meeting on Monday 23rd January, the Governors would like to thank all the parents who attended. There will be more meetings scheduled in due course. The Minutes are available on the school

