



Reading Matters!



We know that reading is one of the most important skills for a child to master and that children who read widely and regularly are more likely to achieve in all areas of the curriculum. At Woodhouse we are committed to providing a book-rich environment for your children and we use research-based approaches to ensure that our teaching is the best it can be.

HOWEVER—we have noticed that in recent years our children do not read as regularly out of school as they used to and that parental support for reading out of school tails off as children get older.

SO— WE ARE MAKING A RACKET ABOUT READING!

Your children need your help! Please can we encourage all parents to spend some time either reading with their children or, for older children, talking with them about the books there are reading. We know that 5 –10 minutes per day makes an enormous difference to children's progress in reading and love of books.

How You Can Help Your Child

For younger children you could read a page each or pages together. Ask questions about the story and ask your children to find information from the text or pictures.

If your older child is reading independently ask them about the story so far, who is their favourite character? What do they think will happen next? Listen to them read every once in a while.

We will be sending some more information to support parents with reading soon and asking for your ideas about how we can develop a love of reading together.



Library

Thanks to the PTA fundraising we have a lovely school library which is regularly restocked with the newest titles.

The Y6 librarians open the library at lunchtimes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It would be great if we had a couple of volunteers who could open the library one night after school for 1/2 an hour. Could you help? If so speak to Mrs O'Connor

Our new reading councillors are already thinking of great ideas to promote reading in school. Well done to all of the children who applied to do this important job.

We Need You Too!

It can be really beneficial for children to do some extra 1 to 1 reading in school and we are very short of people to do this. If any parents or grandparents have an hour or two to spare to read with children in school each week it would be truly appreciated and make a massive difference! We will happily give you all the help and support you might need. Please contact Mrs O'Connor if you are interested.

Events

We are planning a series of events to help promote a love of reading. Look out for:-

- * A reading competition
- * Author Visits
- * World Book Day
- * A Book Fair
- * Reading Assemblies
- * Prizes and rewards for commitment to reading.



Join Our Bedtime Read!

We would love it if every child ended the day with a story at bedtime, either one they read themselves or one read to them. To promote the importance of this we are holding a bedtime read at school on **Thursday 8th February from 5:30pm to 6:00pm.**

Please come with your children and spend some time sharing a book or story. You can bring your own book or choose one of ours. Pyjamas, onesies, teddies optional. Hot chocolate for all!

