



# The Importance of Reading

The importance of reading for children cannot be underestimated. Reading for pleasure can benefit a child's education, social and cognitive development, their wellbeing, and their mental health.

Engaging with books allows us to be transported to other places and worlds. We can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters or learn more about the world around us.

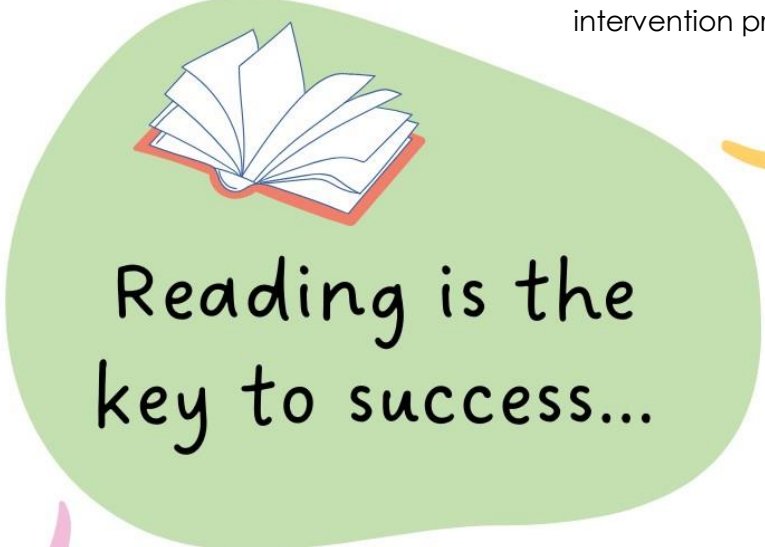
Reading is a key life skill. It is placed at the heart of our curriculum; we have carefully selected texts which will ignite children's imagination, inspire their curiosity and provide a window to the world.

**It is commonly said that a child's future academic success and job prospects are directly related to their reading proficiency.**

## Parents in Partnership

It is crucial for both school and parents to actively teach their child to read. We need you to create a home environment where reading is encouraged and seen as a pleasurable experience.

**Spending just 10-15 minutes reading with your child every day will be invaluable in developing their ability and desire to read and learn.**



## High-quality books

We will ensure that your child has a reading book which is suitably pitched. For 'Early Readers' this will match their growing knowledge of phonics

We will also provide your child with a free-choice library book for enjoyment. Allowing children free choice helps them to develop their identities as a reader as they learn which books/ authors they like and which they do not.

Some children will also access The Lightning Squad, a small group intervention proven to support children to improve their reading skills.

## Supporting your child

- Read at least 3 times per week with your child
- Log your child's reading in their Reading Record so that they can access school rewards
- Make reading time pleasurable by finding a quiet, comfortable space and giving your child your full attention.
- Ask your child simple questions as they read to check their understanding
- Use positive language and praise their reading efforts
- Read to your child as part of your evening routine. This builds vocabulary, feeds imagination and can even improve sleep patterns
- Engage with the books children are accessing in class – detailed on termly overviews.
- Ask children about books/ stories they are reading at school.

## School Routines

- For Early Readers your child's book will be changed when their reading sounds like talking.
  - ┌ Boom Reading Records will be checked regularly
- Pupils access regular targeted reading sessions in class