



It is a proven fact that reading more leads to achievements in school and, eventually, life. A pupil's level of reading engagement has more impact on their future prospects than anything else, including gender, family structure or socio-economic background. In our 21st century world filled with computers, games consoles, smart phones and an endless choice of other toys, dedicating time to reading has never been more challenging or more needed.

Benefits of reading for children:

Increased academic achievement

Wider vocabulary

Better imagination

A way to relax

Improved concentration span

Greater general knowledge

Access to a range of people, places and experiences beyond day-to-day life

‘Students who read just over half an hour per day see the greatest gains of all.’

Of course, we read lots in school. This may be one-to-one with an adult, class guided reading sessions, independent reading time or simply reading instructions on the work that has been set. With everything else we fit into the school day, it is often not possible to provide 30 minutes of dedicated reading time.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Reading at home really makes the difference because it gives children chance to have more focused adult attention in perhaps a more peaceful and enjoyable environment.

Please encourage your child to read at home for 20 minutes a day.

Ideally this would be aloud, to an adult who can then discuss the book with them (see homework booklet for ideas for questions) however independent reading is better than no reading at all.

Children will be rewarded in class for their efforts.

Thank you for your support with this incredibly important part of your child's development.

We are always looking for volunteers who would like to come into school to hear children read. If you or anyone you know would be interested in doing this, please get in touch with Mrs Patrick via the school office.