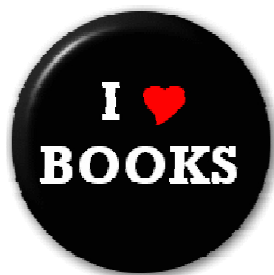


Tips for helping your child to enjoy books:

- Visit the library as often as possible - take out both written and audio (CD) books.
- Schedule a regular time for reading - when you get home from school or just before bed.
- Look for books on topics that you know your child is interested in - maybe dragons, wildlife, famous people or sports.
- Make sure that children's books are easily accessible in different rooms around your house.



Reading for Pleasure

Reading with your child is *vital*. Research shows that it is the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. It's best to read *little and often*. We would recommend that you spend at least 15mins reading **WITH** your child and for them to spend at least 15mins reading alone each day.



Reading should be fun and not seen as a chore - you want your child to learn how pleasurable books can be.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Is there anything that you wish to know about Reading for Pleasure that has not been addressed in this leaflet? Please let your child's teacher know by filling in this returnable slip.

Child's Name: _____

Child's Class: _____

Question:

If you're both enjoying talking about the content of a particular page, **linger over it for as long as you like**.

Don't think reading aloud is only for younger children. Older children will benefit hugely from your vast experience as a mature reader.

They will learn about plot, character, description and expression.

Book Chain

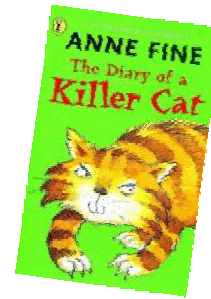
A book chain is a great way to get children reading a variety of books. Each term your child will be asked to read at least 3 books which have a link and thus create a chain.

Your child could link the books in one or more of the following ways:

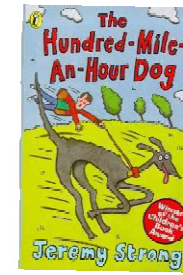
- the main character e.g. animal, wizard
- the theme e.g. war, adventure
- author
- title
- or...can you think of another chain?

At the end of each term, the children will discuss their book chain with the rest of the class.

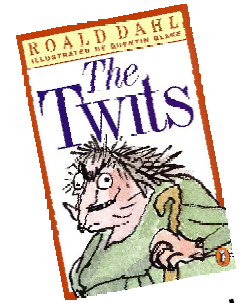
This will give them an opportunity to talk about their choices and will also give the children a chance to recommend authors and books to their friends.



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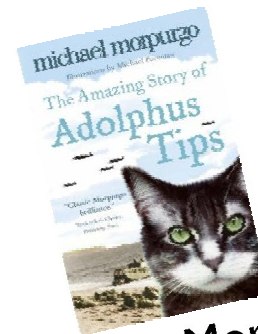


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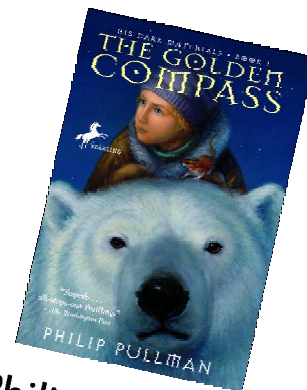
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