



Key Stage 2 Reading for Pleasure

Encouraging your children to read

Reading is fundamental to the development of children and countless research shows the links between good reading skills from an early age and future success in life. However, finding books children want to read or authors that excite them can be difficult.

Ensure your child sees you reading regularly whether it's a book, newspaper or magazine as it will instil a love of reading.

If you don't have time to take your child to browse in the library or local bookshop then introduce them to an online resource such as www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk You can browse the website but also register and then download extracts to sample books and to try different authors.

Reading advice for parents of older children

Encourage independent reading, but remember children will still love being read to! (Who doesn't?)

Older children who can 'read' still need encouragement at home to enjoy reading. Show an interest in the books they bring home and try the website www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk to find

information on different authors and download extracts of books to try.

Encourage your child to try different authors and types of books (see lists below for recommended authors and like for like authors).

If they don't like the book they are reading, encourage them to change it. We don't read a book as an adult that we aren't interested in! Making an informed choice is also an important part of reading for pleasure

Encourage your child to read to younger brothers and sisters to make them feel like the 'expert.'

Encourage your child to keep a record of the books they have read, perhaps giving each book a star rating.

Don't worry if your child reads newspapers, magazines, comics and the internet. This will support their reading alongside reading books. Also encourage children to read poetry as it will support the development of language and vocabulary.

Try to support you child by asking them questions about the text they are reading which will deepen their understanding of a text.

Keep in touch with school and ask for suggestions on how you can help with reading and writing.

Suggested Authors





There are hundreds of fabulous authors to choose from. There are a few suggestions below.

Also check out the websites at the end of this flier for information on different authors.

Year 3 /4

Nigel Hinton
Berlie Doherty
Francesca Simon
Roald Dahl
Gillian Cross
Clive King
Dick King Smith
Jill Murphy
Philippa Pearce
Cressida Cowell
Ted Hughes
Emily Gravett
Jenny Nimmo

Yr5/6

Berlie Doherty
Michael Morpurgo
Shaun Tan
RJ Palacio
Philip Pullman
Eva Ibbotson
Frank Cottrell Boyce
Louis Sacher
CS Lewis
David Almond
David Walliams
Philip Ridley
Grace Nichols



A good way to check out great books and authors are to see which ones have won book awards such as:

UKLA book awards

Carnegie Greenaway award

Guardian children's fiction prize

Children's book award 2016

Blue Peter book awards for children

Waterstones book awards for children

Some recommended 'like for like' authors (see [lovereading4kids](http://lovereading4kids.com) for further suggestions)

Anne Fine

Geraldine Mc

Caughrean

Jacqueline Wilson

Dick King Smith

Cathy Cassidy

Sarah Singleton

Adele Geras

Malorie Blackman

Michael Morpurgo

Francesca Simon

John Gant

Lauren Child

Andy Stanton

Chris Riddell

Alan Ahlberg

Jan Mark

John Dougherty

Dav Pilkey

JK Rowling

Jill Murphy

Eva Ibbotson

Diane Wynne Jones

Darren Shan

Ursula K Le Guin



Jenny Nimmo
Duncan Pile
Nigel Hinton
Anthony Horowitz
Charlie Higson
Robert Muchamore
Eleanor Up dale
Philip Reeve
Joe Craig
Marcus Sedgewick

Useful websites

www.ReadingZone.com

This site is dedicated to helping young people, parents and teachers to find out about children's books. Each area on the site provides information about new and classic titles with expert advice to help you find the best children's books available.

www.healthybooks.org.uk

Contains booklists to help children through different situations such as bereavement.

www.lovereadingschools.co.uk

Very useful review site with template reading lists for each academic year from Year 1 to Year 9. Free downloads of the openings of books to sample once subscribed. Subscription is free.

<http://mrsmad.com>

Reviews and writing games.

www.storiesfromtheweb.org

Subscription site for libraries, you can go to the book award links. Here you will find lots of useful information on books that have won awards or been shortlisted for awards.

www.childrensbooks.co.uk

Provides a number of links with different websites of authors and illustrators.

www.wordpool.co.uk

A site for both children and parents, with advice on choosing books and encouraging reluctant readers.

www.booktrust.org.uk

Provides a book information service and has information about awards and publications. It has links for libraries, publishers, and magazines.

www.readathon.org

A national sponsored reading scheme often used by schools as part of National Children's Book Week. It operates all year round.

