




Reading For Pleasure Promotes:




Creativity and Imagination: Reading fosters creativity and imagination as children envision the worlds and characters described in books.




Improved Communication: Avid readers tend to be better communicators, as they have a broader vocabulary and a better grasp of language nuances.




Lifelong Learning: When children develop a love for reading, they are more likely to become lifelong learners who seek out information, and explore new interests.




Cultural Awareness: Reading exposes children to different cultures, beliefs, and lifestyles, fostering cultural awareness and a global perspective




Empathy and Perspective: Reading diverse stories helps children develop empathy by allowing them to see the world from different perspectives. This promotes tolerance, understanding, and compassion.



Critical Thinking: Reading encourages critical thinking and problem-solving as children analyse story lines, characters, and plot developments. They learn to make connections and draw conclusions from the material they read.



Stronger Relationships: Reading with parents or caregivers can strengthen the parent-child bond and provide valuable quality time together.



Preparation for the Future: Reading equips children with the literacy skills necessary for success in an increasingly information-driven and technologically advanced world.

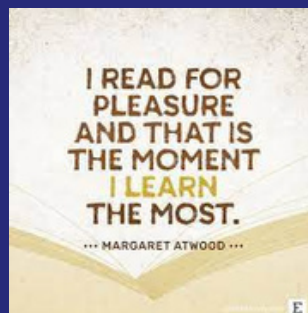
Reading Volunteers

If you would like to help promote our reading culture in our school by listening to children read, then please do get in touch!

Your involvement is key to nurturing a love for reading.



"Every Child
A Reader"



**Stamford Bridge
Primary School**

*Promoting Reading
For Pleasure At Home*

Welcome to our school's Reading for Pleasure Leaflet!

At Stamford Bridge Primary School, we believe that reading is not just a skill; it's a lifelong adventure.

Our aim is to ignite a passion for reading in every child, fostering not only their literacy skills but also their creativity, curiosity, and love for stories.

We want to share with you our commitment to creating a reading for pleasure culture that extends beyond the classroom, and into your homes, where parents play a vital role in helping to promote reading as a cherished family activity.

Reading Role Models

Parents frequently read various materials, including news, magazines, and instructions, but our children may not always recognise these moments as reading. They might see us using phones or kindles and assume we're playing games. To encourage our children to embrace reading, we need to be intentional about showing them that we read and why it matters, serving as reading role models. Encourage your children by sharing what you're reading and why you're doing it. When they see you reading, whether it's a book or a magazine, it becomes a natural part of their environment, helping them perceive reading as an enjoyable option rather than a school requirement.



Bedtime Stories

While it might seem like a simple routine, recent findings from The Book Trust reveal that many primary school-aged children are not read a bedtime story. Time constraints often stand in the way, but the rewards are substantial. Just dedicating 10 minutes a day or night to reading to your child can boost their vocabulary, foster independent reading habits, and strengthen the parent-child bond. And remember, this isn't just for younger children—our oldest children secretly love a bedtime story too, even if they won't always admit it!

Bedtime stories can take various forms, from picture books and comics to poetry, non-fiction, or chapter books—whatever captures your and your child's interest. If you haven't started this tradition yet, give it a try. You'll soon find it becoming an indispensable part of your day! (Bonus tip: Try doing the character voices; it can lead to some entertaining laughter over your fantastic—or not-so-fantastic—attempts at accents.) If you're not confident in your storytelling skills, there's always CBeebies' bedtime stories. However, we recommend making it a family activity so you can all discuss the story afterwards.



Sometimes, children just want to relax and immerse themselves in a book's story, captivated by its plot. It's perfectly fine; there's no need for quizzes after each chapter you read aloud. However, having informal discussions about the book can be a wonderful way to explore what's been read. Drawing parallels between the story and real-life experiences or other stories is a great idea. For example, you could say, "That character reminds me of someone like grandma because..." or "Remember when we explored the woods and had to follow that muddy trail?"

Chatting about a book with your child can help them notice details and connections they might have missed before.

Picture books are particularly well-suited to informal book discussions because children are eager to explore and deliberate over the illustrations, which often convey much more than the written words.

Here are some recommendations for engaging in book conversations at home:

- **Connect:** Relate characters and settings to your child's own experiences or what they've learned elsewhere, like from TV or school.
- **Predict:** Ask your child to guess the story's plot and what might happen next.
- **Build Vocabulary:** Explain unfamiliar words and introduce synonyms to enrich their language skills for writing.
- **Discuss Feelings:** Talk with your child about how the story makes them feel, helping them express emotions they may find challenging to convey.