

Home Learning at
Paradykes Primary School



Reading for Enjoyment

Here are some suggested ways you can encourage reading for enjoyment at home:

- Have a designated screen free time where everyone in the house reads.
- Ask your child about the book they are reading.
- Be a role model – read in front of your child and talk about what you are reading.
- Read the same book as your older child and discuss it with them.
- Have a variety of reading material available – fiction, non-fiction, magazines, graphic novels, instruction booklets, audiobooks, recipes etc.
- Encourage reading every night before bed.
- Encourage your child to read what they are interested in – don't worry too much if the occasional book is too easy.
- Make time to visit the library on a regular basis.
- Write small notes for your child to read.
- Create a special reading nook with fairy lights and cushions.
- Encourage your child to retell stories through play – don't be afraid to join in!

Remember – reading should never be a stressful experience! If it is becoming so, stop and try again later.



What are the benefits of reading?

It lets a child's imagination run wild!

Children perform better academically.

It allows children to develop empathy.

Reading improves the social skills and interactions of children.

Children develop a larger and more extensive vocabulary.

Concentration levels improve when children read more.

Reading supports the cognitive development of children.

It can improve parent and child bonds.

Children gain a deeper understanding of the world.

Their creativity skills develop.

Questions to ask your child about their reading:

- What do you like/dislike about the main character?
- What has happened so far in your book?
- Were there any words you didn't know/understand?
- Why did you choose this book?
- If you could change one thing about this book, what would it be?

A child who reads for 20 minutes a day

- will be exposed to 1.8 million words per year
- scores in the 90th percentile on standardised assessments

A child who reads for 5 minutes a day

- will be exposed to 282000 words per year
- scores in the 50th percentile on standardised assessments

A child who reads for 1 minute a day

- will be exposed to 8000 words per year
- scores in the 10th percentile on standardised assessments

Suggested websites:

<https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/home-activities>

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-at-home/supporting-literacy-at-home/tips-for-supporting-reading/>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk>

