

The Importance of Reading

The importance of reading for children cannot be underestimated. Reading for pleasure can benefit a child's education, social and cognitive development, their wellbeing, and their mental health.

Engaging with books allows us to be transported to other places and worlds. We can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters or learn more about the world around us.

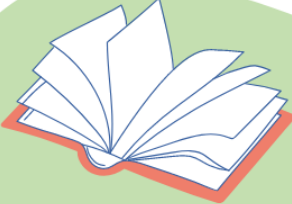
Reading is a key life skill. It is placed at the heart of our curriculum; we have carefully selected texts which will ignite children's imagination, inspire their curiosity and provide a window to the world.

It is commonly said that a child's future academic success and job prospects are directly related to their reading proficiency.

Parents in Partnership

It is crucial for both school and parents to actively teach their child to read. We need you to create a home environment where reading is encouraged and seen as a pleasurable experience.

Spending just 10-15 minutes reading with your child every day will be invaluable in developing their ability and desire to read and learn.



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High-quality books

We will provide your child with a free-choice library book for enjoyment. Allowing children free choice helps them to develop their identities as a reader as they learn which books/authors they like and which they do not.

If your child is learning to read through Little Wandle Phonics, we will ensure that they also have a reading book which is suitably pitched to build both confidence as a reader and fluency.

Supporting your child

- Read at least 3 times per week with your child
- Log your child's reading in their Reading Record (Reception & KS1)
- Make reading time pleasurable by finding a quiet, comfortable space and giving your child your full attention
- Ask your child simple questions as they read to check their understanding
- Use positive language and praise their reading efforts
- Read to your child as part of your evening routine. This builds vocabulary, feeds imagination and can even improve sleep patterns
- Engage with the class Story Box - sent out throughout the year
- Ask them about books/stories they are reading at school (your child's class books are shared on the half termly overviews)

School Routines

- Your child will have the opportunity to complete an AR reader quiz once they have finished their book
- Your child can visit the library at any point throughout the week to change their book
- We will have half termly visits to Cosham library
- Reading rewards will be awarded to those who achieve their half termly reading target (See reading reward attachment)



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Reading Rewards at Highbury

Your child will have the opportunity to achieve a reading reward each half term for reaching their reading target. Reading rewards are themed around books and are used to further create a love of reading, whilst providing an incentive to read. Here are the reading rewards on offer this academic year at Highbury:

Autumn Term 1	Listen to a spooky Halloween story and take part in Halloween crafts, including pumpkin carving
Autumn Term 2	Watch a book-based film and enjoy a hot chocolate with marshmallows
Spring Term 1	Listen to and watch Roald Dahl's famous Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and make some delicious chocolatey creations
Spring Term 2	Listen to and watch J.K Rowling's award-winning Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone whilst creating a Hogwarts house bookmark
Summer Term 1	Enjoy an Alice in Wonderland inspired Madhatter's tea party on the school field
Summer Term 2	An end of year celebration of a water play fun outside!

If your child reaches their reading target consistently throughout the school year, they will be awarded with a reading medal during a special reader's celebration assembly.