

CURRICULUM MORNING: READING WORKSHOP

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THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE
MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW.
THE MORE THAT YOU LEARN, THE
MORE PLACES YOU'LL GO.

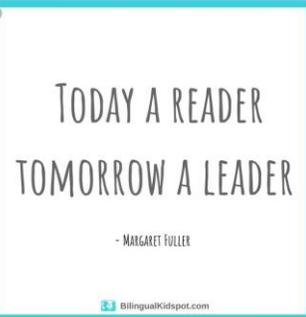
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WHY IS READING IMPORTANT?

- Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance.
- Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.
- Reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.





WHY IS READING TO YOUR CHILD SO IMPORTANT?

- ▶ **What difference can you make as a parent?**
- ▶ You can make a huge difference! Parents are the most important educators in a child's life - even more important than their teachers - and it's never too early to start reading together.
- ▶ Even before they're born, babies learn to recognise their parents' voices. Reading to your baby from birth, even for just a few minutes a day, gives them the comfort of hearing your voice and increases their exposure to language.
- ▶ **Reading** books aloud to **children** stimulates **their** imagination and expands **their** understanding of **the** world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand **the** written word. ... Even after **children** learn to **read** by themselves, it's still **important** for you to **read** aloud together.

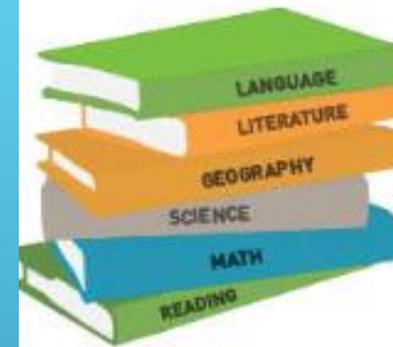


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Children in homes with more than 500 books have language skills more than **TWO YEARS AHEAD** of those in households with fewer than ten books (4)

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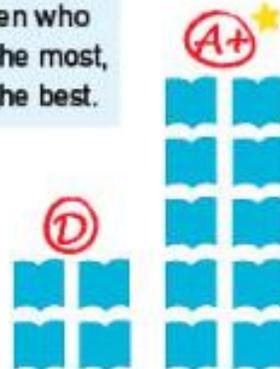
Reading to children every day puts them **ONE YEAR AHEAD** of those who are not being read to (5)



Reading is the most important subject in school. A child needs reading in order to master most of the other subjects.

THE FACTS...

Across the world, the children who read the most, read the best.



About half of illiterate adults live in poverty. They are less likely to find employment than their more literate counterparts.



AN INTERESTING COMPARISON...



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP AT HOME?



- ▶ As children start to learn to read at school, you can play an important role in helping to keep them interested in books. Find out what interests them, help them to find books that will be engaging and fun, and spend time reading the books they bring home from school together.
- ▶ Make sure that your child is familiar with language and books so they can see how enjoyable reading is. Some of the things you can do include:
- ▶ **reading aloud to your child**, talking about the words and pictures, and sharing ideas about the book
- ▶ **reading yourself** – children who see adults reading, and enjoying it, are much more likely to want to read themselves
- ▶ **surrounding your child with books** – you don't need hundreds of books at home, but go to the library or bookshop regularly to borrow books, spend time together, browse and make choices. In this way, reading becomes a habit.
- ▶ Most importantly, talk to your child. Spend time with them, doing simple activities (like cooking and making things). As you talk about what you're doing, you are helping them to learn new words. Later, when they see words written down, they've already heard them and know what they mean.



One more time

- ▶ You may go through a period when your child favours one book and wants it read night after night. It is not unusual for children to favour a particular story, and this can be boring for parents. Keep in mind, however, that a favourite story may speak to your child's interests or emotional needs. Be patient. Continue to expose your children to a wealth of books and eventually they will be ready for more stories.

Talking about stories

- ▶ It's often a good idea to talk about a story you are reading, but you need not feel compelled to talk about every story. Good stories will encourage a love for reading, with or without conversation. And sometimes children need time to think about stories they have read. A day or so later, don't be surprised if your child mentions something from a story you've read together.

MAKE READING ENJOYABLE!

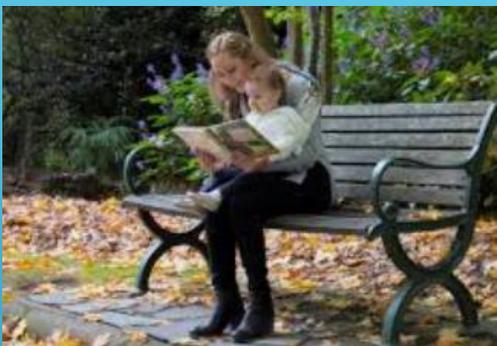


Although life can often be hectic, you should try to read with your child at least once a day at a regularly scheduled time - bedtime/after teatime/just before bedtime. But don't be discouraged if you skip a day or don't always keep to your schedule. Just read to your child as often as you possibly can.

If you have more than one child, try to spend some time reading alone with each child, especially if they're more than 2 years apart. However, it's also fine to read to children at different stages and ages at the same time. Most children enjoy listening to many types of stories. When stories are complex, children can still get the idea and can be encouraged to ask questions. When stories are easy or familiar, youngsters enjoy these "old friends" and may even help in the reading.

Taking the time to read with your children on a regular basis sends an important message: **Reading is worthwhile.**





Top 10 tips to help children enjoy reading

To help make reading enjoyable and fun, we asked experts and authors what they recommend to help get kids reading.

1. **Make books part of your family life** – Always have books around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there's a chance.
2. **Join your local library** – Get your child a library card. You'll find the latest videogames, blu-rays and DVDs, plus tons and tons of fantastic books. Allow them to pick their own books, encouraging their own interests.
3. **Match their interests** – Help them find the right book - it doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
4. **All reading is good** – Don't discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets. Reading is reading and it is all good.
5. **Get comfortable!** – Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child, either in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa, or make sure they have somewhere comfy when reading alone.
6. **Ask questions** – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read such as, 'What do you think will happen next?' or 'Where did we get to last night? Can you remember what had happened already?'
7. **Read whenever you get the chance** – Bring along a book or magazine for any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's surgery.
8. **Read again and again** – Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.
9. **Bedtime stories** – Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child.
10. **Rhyme and repetition** – Books and poems which include rhyme and repetition are great for encouraging your child or children to join in and remember the words.

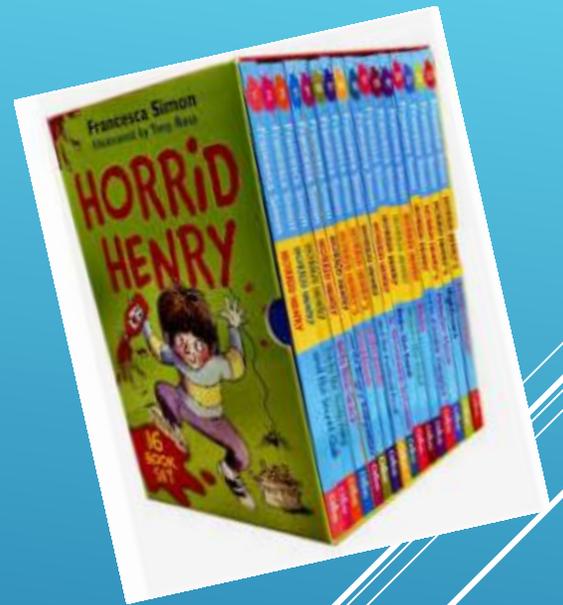


READING WITH YOUR CHILD



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ANY QUESTIONS??

