



Reading At Home
A Booklet For Parents
EYFS and KS1

We LOVE reading at Greenslade and our school is full of lots of wonderful books for everyone to enjoy!

The ability to read fluently and with understanding is the most fundamental skill that children will learn. It is our aim to enable children to become confident, successful readers and to gain a love of reading a wide range of literature.

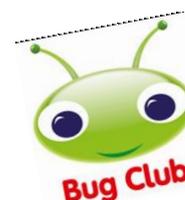
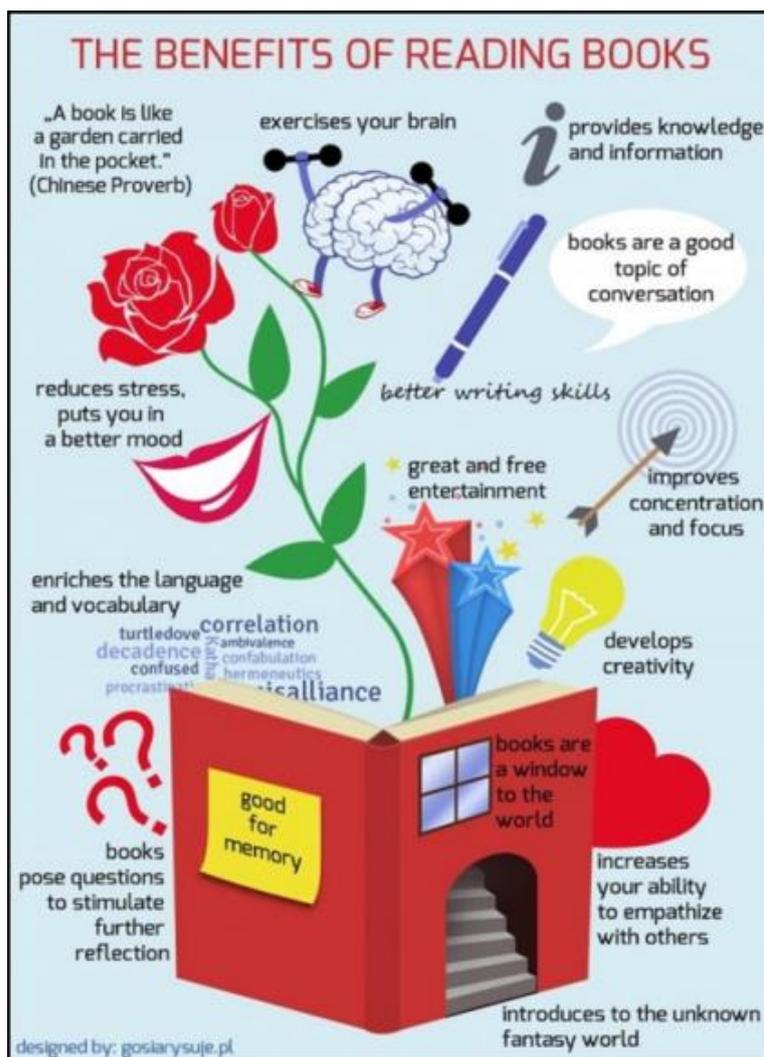
At Greenslade Primary School, all pupils are encouraged to read widely across both fiction and non-fiction to establish an appreciation and love of reading, to develop their knowledge of themselves and the world in which they live, and to gain knowledge across the curriculum. We believe that reading feeds pupils' imagination and brings joy and wonder to curious minds.

As soon as they enter the Nursery and Reception classes, children experience a wide variety of stories and different text types. Books are readily available for children to look at and to share with adults. They are taught how to handle books and learn that print carries meaning. Children are encouraged to understand elements of a story and discuss what they know about the characters. They also listen to and join in with rhymes and songs and books are read frequently to the children throughout the day.

In the early stages, children are taught to read texts through the use of phonics, where they learn the sounds of letters and how to blend them together to read words. Children are also taught to spell and write simple words. Children begin to bring books home to practise

reading – sometimes the book is for the child to read to an adult, and sometimes the book is for the adult to read to the child. Children also have access to 'e-books' via 'Bug Club' which they can read online.

Throughout KS1, children continue to learn to read through phonics. They participate in regular guided reading sessions with an adult. Children will continue to bring home books which they can read to an adult and which an adult can read to them, as well as have continued access to online books. Teachers continue to read regularly to the children through class story-time so that they get to know and love all sorts of stories, poetry and information texts. This helps to extend children's vocabulary and comprehension and provides access to books that may prove challenging to some.



It is extremely important that children enjoy and practise reading regularly at home in order to have the best chances in life. Also so that they can experience the joy of being immersed in a book!

Here are some ideas to support you with reading with your child at home.

Talk about the book with your child before reading it – you could introduce any words to them you think they will struggle with.

Encourage children to sound out unfamiliar words using their phonics knowledge

e.g. s + a + t = sat
r + ai + n = rain

If your child is struggling to read the whole book on their own, take turns to read a page each.

Turn off the TV so that you can listen to and talk to your child. Remove distractions such as mobile phones! Make it a special time together.

Model reading to your child. Try to demonstrate an enthusiasm towards reading and encourage your child to take an interest in print around them.

Ask your child questions about the book (see below)

Ideas for questions to ask your child

What is the title?	What kind of text is this? (fiction/non-fiction/poem)	Who is the author?	What do you think this will be about?
What has happened so far? What do you think is going to happen next? Why?	Which words do you like? Why?	What do you think this word means?	Who is your favourite character? Why?
How do you think this character is feeling? Why?	Has something like this ever happened to you?	What was the best part? Why did you like it?	What was your favourite fact? (non-fiction texts)
What was the first thing that happened in the story? What happened after that?	Does this story remind you of anything?	Was there anything you didn't like about this book?	Who else do you think would like this book? Why?

It is important you read with your child every day. We ask that you regularly make a short comment about your child's reading in their reading journal. The reading journals are regularly checked by the adults in school.

You can find lists of recommended books for different year groups on our school website.

Thank you for your support and have fun reading!

