

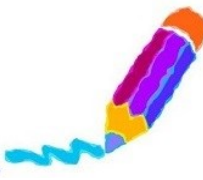


'Reading helps me in so many ways. It helps me to develop my knowledge of the world; helps me to learn about people and places. It also helps me to relax and rest my body whilst still challenging my brain.'

Reading is the key to everything being a good reader means that our children can find the knowledge for themselves. When children love reading it makes the whole process of learning to read an easy one.

Let's work together to help your child to be the very best they can be!

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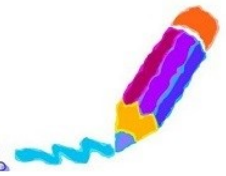


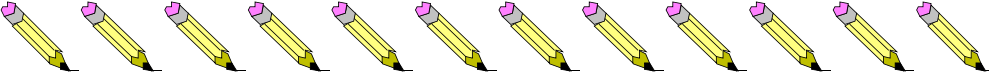
# Reading guidance for years 3 and 4 parents



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss.

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\*Ask lots of questions.

\*Use a dictionary. But a good quality dictionary and use it to check the meanings of new words; show them the significance of the words at the top and the bottom of the pages.

### **How can I find the right book?**

\*Listen to your child and find out what sort of books he or she enjoys.

\*Ask other parents and your child's teachers for tips on what to read.

\*Find out about recommended books at libraries, bookshops and on book websites.

### **What do I do if my child picks a book that is too hard?**

\*You could read part of it and talk about the ideas and pictures if there are any.

\*Children can enjoy more difficult books— even if they can't read them on their own.

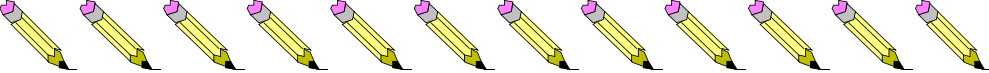
### **Activities to try at home**

\*Play word and board games

\*Make a scrapbook about their favourite star, group or team. Let them cut pictures out of magazines and paper and write their own captions.

\*Watch a film of a book and compare the two— which do you prefer? Why? How do they differ?

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### **How to encourage you child to read**

\*Read yourself! Show a good example by talking about the reading you do at work and at home. Let your child know that reading is an important part of your life.

\*Make your child their own special place to keep their books in their bedrooms.

\*Visit you library— it's free to join! As well as taking out story books, use visits to the library as a time to find books and DVD's.

\*Encourage children to read to other family members, giving them chance to show off their skills to their siblings is a fantastic way to boost their confidence.

\*Find out what we are learning about at school in our creative curriculum topics. You could find relevant information to support their learning in books, leaflets or the internet.

### **How to help**

\*Be positive— praise your child for trying hard with heir reading. Let them know it's ok to make a mistake because it helps them to learn.

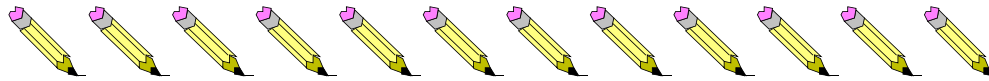
\*Give them time— let them have a go at reading unknown words before you tell them the word.

\*Let them read their favourites— encourage them to try different texts by the same author.

\*Make the story come to life— encourage your child to read with expression and use different voices for different characters. This will help them with fluency, practise reading aloud: slowly and pronouncing word endings.

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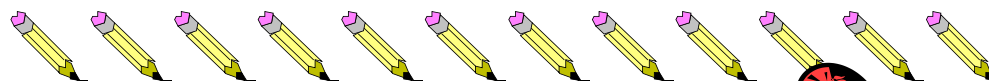
Children in year 3 and 4 will make good progress in reading if they...

- Read regularly for 15-20 minutes each night, independently or to an adult.
- Read with intonation using punctuation to add expression.
- Read a range of texts such as non-fiction, fiction, magazines, information on screen and poetry. These can be classic authors or newer writers.
- Are able to discuss in detail what they have learnt from a book and review the book for others.
- Have a preferred author or set of authors that they enjoy reading.
- Read for a sustained period of time in an environment that is comfortable and with no distractions.
- Read for pleasure and to extend their knowledge and understanding of things that interest them.
- Carry out research through reading, either from books or on screen.
- Use the computer in ways which will support their learning and understanding.


By the end of the year we hope ALL children will be reading fluently and competently and have an established reading routine., and most importantly:

LOVE READING!

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Dear Parents,



The information within our leaflet has been put together by your year 3 and 4 teaching team. Research tells us that children who read regularly do better at school, than children who do not!

*So how do we encourage a love of reading for all our children?*

Please use these expectations as a guide, as to what your child should be doing regularly to ensure they are becoming a confident, competent and fluent reader.

Every child is working towards completing a reading journey. The reading journey is designed to encourage your child to read a range of texts such as plays, poems, newspapers and stories. You can find out reading journey on our class pages at [tg.lp365.co.uk](http://tg.lp365.co.uk) .Please encourage your child to read a wide range of texts and authors, to apply their reading skills in a range of contexts..

Your child have already bought home a new KS2 Reading Diary, in which, they can record their own reading. If you would like to sign their entry, please do. Their diary will be stamped when they have completed guided reading with an adult.

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