

Your child needs you!

We are launching our new **READING AT HOME CHALLENGE** - and we need your help.

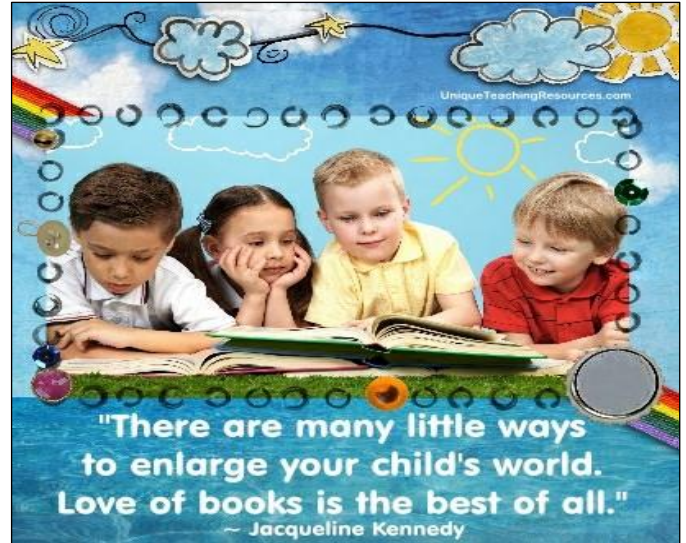
WHY STORIES? WHY BOOKS?

Children who know more words (vocabulary) are more successful, happier and healthier in life.

More books = more words = success and happiness.

The entire curriculum depends on language and vocabulary.

Vocabulary from books exposes us to more 'words' than in everyday conversations.



WHY PARENTS?

As partners in your child's happiness, success and education; school and parents need to work as a team. Together let's put your child at the centre of their own reading journey. At pre-school we have a daily storytime sessions, word of the day, a language rich environment (we are always having conversations with the children). We are asking you to get involved daily too, many research studies show that this will give your child a much greater chance of success in all areas of learning as they progress through their school-life.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD AT HOME?

Create a suitable environment. Turn off the TV, get comfy.

Help your child to choose a book. Maybe offer a choice of 3. By choosing their own book, will encourage their interest.

Imagine! Get into character. Use silly voices and faces that match the storyline.

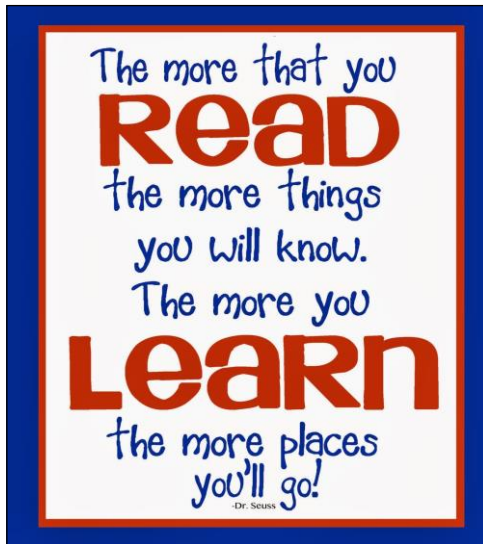
Listen to your child. When you ask them a question, give them 10 seconds thinking time. Are they pronouncing the word correctly? Maybe you could repeat the word correctly for them to hear.

Discuss the story. Question how, why, when, what? What was your favourite part? Why do you think the boy was sad? When did they go to the bonfire? How would you feel if that happened to you?



HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

- We will continue to provide a class library book and reading record card;
- Books can be changed as often as you wish - just hand it to a member of staff at the door - with the reading record card, with your comment or just a tick to say it's been read;
- We will stick a star next to the book title of each book read at home;
- Every 10 stars - your child will get a 'dip in the special prize box";
- We will keep a tally of how many stars each child gets and the child with the most stars at the end of each half term will get a special treat/ prize/ award.



Other ways to support you child on their reading journey.....

Have a book shelf or reading corner with your own little library - collect books for birthday gifts or stock up from charity shops.

Instill the love of books and stories by taking care of books.

Talk to your child about your favourite stories or books from when you were younger.

Join the local library - it's free and they don't charge for lost / damaged books.

Read a book a day. Sometimes you'll want to just read through the book and enjoy it with no questions. Sometimes you can be chatting about the pictures. Sometimes your child will choose the same ones over and over again - that's great too. Can they retell the story to you?

Let your child see you read - whether it's an instruction sheet, information book, map, kindle, subtitles on TV, menu, newspaper, TV guide etc. Point out that the letters all have meaning.

Allow your child to turn the pages. Are there any letters they recognise?

Look out for top tips and short film clips of staff explaining or demonstrating reading skills for adults.

Look online for other tips at: bookstart-reading-with-your-child-3-4-english.pdf (booktrust.org.uk)

Share your thoughts with us, please tell us how it's going. Could we do more to help? Are there any better ways to help? We are here to help - please feel free to message us or catch us at the door.