

Reading for Pleasure Culture

Key Messages

- Reading for Pleasure (defined as choosing to read) is the single most important indicator of a child's future success. Not just being able to read but choosing to do so.
- In the National Curriculum, Reading for Pleasure is a statutory requirement
- Reading for Pleasure is reading without interrogation

Reading for Pleasure Pedagogy

- Teachers' knowledge of children's texts
- Teachers' knowledge of children as readers
- Social reading environments
- Reading aloud
- Independent reading
- Informal book talk

Supporting reading at home

Three core strategies to support your readers:

- Reading aloud
- Time to read as a family
- Book chat

Ideas

- Find books connected to their interests
- Encourage reading a wide range of texts – books, magazines, comics, graphic novels, home language texts, books online
- Make reading time relaxed
- Share stories by reading aloud daily
- Listen to stories – audiobooks, YouTube
- Re-read stories
- Talk about what you are reading – not just books!
- Be a reading role model
- Visit the library – allow time to browse
- Take part in reading challenges