

Home Reading Guidelines - Year 3 & 4

These guidelines are designed to offer you support and advice on how to use books selected by your child from our Home Reading Scheme.

Why is there a Home Reading Scheme?

- It gives the children the opportunity to choose a book they would like to read for themselves outside the school reading scheme.
- Children need as much practise as possible reading from a variety of texts.
- Your interest and help shows them how important **you** consider reading to be.
- To share the pleasures from reading and looking at books.

How can you help?

In Years 3 & 4 many children want some independence and to read on their own. But they'll still want times with you to share the books they love or to hear you read more challenging material.

- Try and read together as often as possible.
- Take turns to read to each other.
- Talk about beginnings and endings; the characters and how they behave.
- Encourage your child to predict what may happen. Discuss different scenarios and endings.
- Encourage interest in a wide range of material by reading aloud from newspapers and magazines.
- Discuss the meaning of new words, perhaps by using a dictionary.

MAKE READING A TIME OF PLEASURE FOR YOU BOTH

The children will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of books at varying levels which include Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry and Plays.