

Did you know that if a child reads for pleasure there are a whole host of benefits?

A child who reads for pleasure does better in all subjects at school, they have better communication skills, increased wellbeing and more confidence.

READING TO YOUR CHILD, REGARDLESS OF THEIR AGE, CAN HAVE A HUGE IMPACT

As well as inspiring children to read independently, reading aloud to a child improves their listening skills and comprehension, it expands their vocabulary and imagination and helps them find new and different types of book and writing styles – they start to find out what they like.

Reading aloud is a way to improve your child's well-being and show your love. Children delight in having your full attention, they feel cherished and secure. We hear a lot about the importance of quality time and reading aloud can help you find it.

ASK YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY STAFF FOR SUGGESTIONS

They will:

- 1) get to know your child and make reading recommendations**
- 2) Talk to your child about what they're reading**
- 3) Encourage a varied reading diet**



READING FOR PLEASURE

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How and why to help your child develop a love of reading

WHAT OTHER PARENTS SAY...

My daughter (age 10) is responding very enthusiastically to being read to and begs for extra reading time. I told her we'd read a chapter a day but we ended up reading three today as she loves it so much - my voice was cracking by the end! I have noticed she will go and read instead of automatically asking to go on a screen because of the daily reading activity.



We started a new book on Wednesday night - The Last Kids on Earth. E (age 9) was keen to get stuck into it and I've found she is willing to spend longer reading when we do it together than when she previously did it by herself.

I can't emphasise enough how pleased I am with the difference in W's attitude & ability with reading. In 6 weeks it has improved so much. (Boy, age 10)



I like how this has just become what we do, there isn't any question. N (age 8) just brings me a book and we read together. Some days we read more than others. I have noticed that more and more he is choosing to read a book over playing computer games or watching TV.

Sharing the experience gives you new ways to connect with your child - things to talk and laugh about and bond over. It works wonders with calming children, reducing anxiety worry and stress.

Four mums have made videos to share their thoughts and experiences of reading aloud. They are really inspiring. You can watch here:
<https://www.egmontbooks.co.uk/resources-for-everyone/resources-for-parents-and-carers/>



Children of all ages who are read to regularly (ideally every day) are much, much more likely to choose to read themselves.

For example, 63% of children age 8-13 read independently daily, when they are read to daily by their parents, but when parents read to them less often (less than weekly) only a quarter of 8-13s read independently every day.

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Read to your child often, daily if you can

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Make sure it's just for fun - no hint of work about it!

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Let them choose what you read aloud

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Read to your child well beyond the point at which they can read themselves - ideally well into their teens

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Share the reading. This might be them reading as little as paragraph, building up to more such alternate pages or even as much as a chapter each.