

Reading at Home in Upper School

Within lower school, your child learned to read with Read Write Inc. Phonics, a very popular and successful literacy programme. Now that your child has developed the basic skills of reading, there is a risk that their enthusiasm and motivation to read can decline.

"Reading for pleasure is the single biggest factor in success later in life, outside of an education. Study after study has shown that those children who read for pleasure are the ones who are most likely to fulfil their ambitions. If your child reads, they will succeed - it's that simple."

Bali Rai

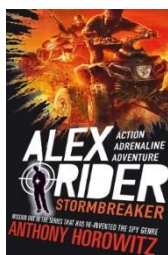
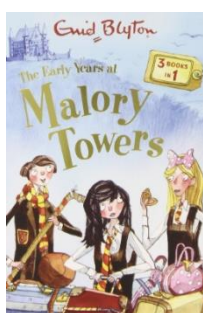
Parental support at this stage is key. By talking to your child about the books they choose and by listening to them read aloud regularly, you can make all the difference.

Children who read at home with their parents not only perform better in reading assessments than those who don't, but they also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school.

By sharing this experience with your child, you can help to develop a positive mindset towards reading.

Reading scheme book

Your child will bring home a reading scheme book. This is matched to your child's year group. Your child should read this book repeatedly over the course of the week in order to build up reading fluency.



Reading library books at home

Your child will bring a library book home. This has been chosen independently by your child. The library book is to promote reading for pleasure, and this starts with adults. So please find a quiet time just before bed to read this book to your child.

"Reading is vital for developing the imagination - the ability to stand in other people's shoes and look through other eyes. With a book you can experience other lives, other worlds, other times. Books are the key to opening up opportunities."

Michaela Morgan

Top Tips to support your child at home

Encourage your child to read

Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and has educational benefits too so encourage your child to read every day. Give them time to choose different things to read in their own time.

Encourage reading choice

Reading aloud opens doors for children. It takes them to places and ideas that they may not encounter in everyday life. It opens their imagination.

Read aloud regularly

Choose a favourite time to read together as a family and enjoy it. This might be everyone reading different things at the same time; reading the same book together or reading to each other.

Read together

Create a comfortable environment

Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child. Create a calm and relaxing place to enjoy reading. Reading can take you places when you have to stay where you are.

Talk about books

Talking about books is a great way to make connections, develop understanding and make reading even more enjoyable.

Bring reading to life

By bringing reading alive, it captures the children's interest. Try making a recipe you have read or pretend to be the characters in your favourite book.