Reading at Windy Arbor



Nursery

Working in Partnership with Parents

Inspiring Children to Develop a ‘Love of Reading’

Supporting Your Child to Read at Home

In Nursery, your child will be learning to handle, care and develop a ‘love’ of books. You can have a huge impact on their early reading development by continuing their practice at home.

Reading Opportunities in Nursery

Shared Reading - As a class, we choose a book and bring the story to life by:

- developing language by exploring the meaning of new words
- describing characters and settings
- asking the children to make predictions
- acting out the story

Independent Reading -The children have daily access to an inviting class reading corner and opportunities to visit our Early Years library.

Individual Reading We aim to share a book individually with the children, each week. We support the children to:

- Handle books carefully
- Hold books the correct way up and turn the pages
- Talk about the front cover and title of the book
- Talk about the pictures
- Answer challenging questions to develop a deeper understanding of what has happened in the story.

Reading for Pleasure at Home



In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. This is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together.

Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!



Reading Record Book- This is for staff and parents/carers to record and sign. Staff will record specific aspects your child needs to practise at home. Please record and sign each day your child reads a book at home. If your child has found something particularly difficult, let us know, but try to keep the comments as positive as possible.

Example:

- Enjoyed reading this book and used lots of different voices for the characters.
- Was able to predict what might happen next in the story.
- Understood the story well and answered lots of questions.

We believe that books are 'precious'. In school, we promote this and support and encourage every child to look after books.

Looking After and Returning Books

In order for the children to continue to bring books home to share, **books must be returned to school.** If your child does not return their book, there will be a charge to replace lost or damaged books.

There will be opportunities for all parents to attend 'Reading Workshops' in the coming months.



If you have any questions, please speak to a member of staff.