



Reading at Hunsley Primary

At Hunsley Primary, we value the importance of reading and encourage our children to develop a love of reading for pleasure.

Why is reading for pleasure so important?

Being exposed to stories, poems, songs and rhymes supports children to develop their vocabulary, communication, creativity and imagination!

Teachers and parents play a huge part in the development of reading skills in young children. The more children experience books, the more they will gain the interest and passion for them. Reading offers so much more than just quiet time in a cosy corner. It helps to develop spelling, listening, writing, literacy and social skills. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. (Pearson, 1996- 2020)

Research shows that early reading experiences, opportunities to build vocabularies, and literacy-rich environments are the most effective ways to support the development of pre-reading and cognitive skills. (Make Way for Books, 2020).

How can you support your child at home before they start school?

- Read aloud to your child daily
- Surround them with a variety of books and stories
 - Take them to the local library
- Encourage your child to join in with stories, rhymes and poems
 - Make up your own stories, songs and rhymes
- Encourage your child to explore books independently, looking at the pictures and talking about them too!

