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Reading for Pleasure

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Istead Rise Primary School, we are continuing our drive to raise the profile of reading for pleasure. Research shows a positive link between reading frequency and enjoyment, and educational attainment. It also shows that reading for pleasure has positive emotional and social benefits, improves text comprehension and grammar skills, as well as increasing general knowledge.

We have many initiatives that will be taking place in school throughout this academic year to encourage reading for pleasure.

- Daily reading - including echo and choral reading - in class from a range of texts
- Timetabled reading sessions in the school's library
- Library ambassadors
- Inspiring reading areas including a Reading Nook
- Opportunities for children to read to Monty the therapy dog
- Daily stories read by class teachers
- Storytelling Term (more information to follow shortly)
- Storytelling Exhibition (more information to follow shortly)
- World Book Day
- Author visits
- Snuggle and Read (Reception, Year 1 & 2)
- Subscription to First News

Things you can do at home:

To support your child in their development of reading, we recommend that you spend at least 10 minutes per day reading with your child as part of their daily home learning. This can be a combination of you listening to them read their school book, your child listening to you read a story book or even taking it in turns. The sharing of reading is a valuable experience for your child, as it gives you the opportunity to discuss new vocabulary as well as characters and themes. This is something that will benefit them throughout both their education and life.

Helpful Links:

- Find out how children [learn to read through phonics](#).
- How we teach [reading](#) (this includes guidance on how you can check the suitability of a book by searching the Lexile level)
- Reading for pleasure [guide for parents](#)

We greatly appreciate all the support you give in making time and encouraging your children to read at home and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead full of reading!

Yours faithfully,

Miss Underdown and Mr Meredith