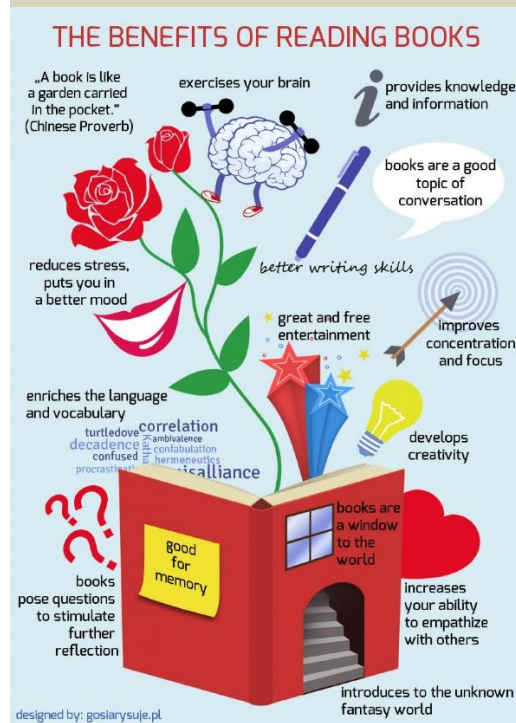


## The Benefits of Reading



### Useful Questions.

#### Reception and Key Stage One

Who is in the story?

Where is the story set?

Can you use the picture to tell part of the story?

How do you think the story will end?

What will happen next?

Do you like the characters? Why?

What happens in the story?

What did the characters say? Why?

How did a character scare, upset or help another character?

Has this ever happened to you? How did you feel?

Can you put the main events in order?

How would you feel at this point in the story?

What would you do?

How do you think a character feels?

#### Key Stage Two

Can you explain why you think a character did that in the story?

What does this word/phrase tell you about the character/ setting?

Which words did you like the most? Why?

What did the character mean when they said.....?

Did the actions of the character surprise you?

Why? Why did the character behave in that way?

What clues are there in the story that a character is happy, angry, sad, excited etc.?

Can you describe what a character thinks of another character? How did the writer make you think this?

How does the writer create atmosphere before and after an event?

Who is the 'voice' in the text?

Which character does the writer want you to like or dislike? How have they done this?

## Featherstone Wood Primary School Reading At Home



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Dear Parents and Carers

At Featherstone Wood Primary School we consider reading to be of great importance and the key to many aspects of learning.

In school your child will experience a wide range of reading opportunities which include:

- independent reading
- Daily phonics session
- guided reading (Teacher or Teaching Assistants working with a group or class to develop particular reading skills)
- shared text work in Literacy lessons
- comprehension activities
- research (using ICT/ reference books)

Some of these may happen in the Literacy/ Guided Reading session but equally, the children may have these opportunities through any of the other subjects.

This leaflet is designed to help you help your child at home. You may find it useful for home learning. If you would like any further help with your child's reading please make a note of it in their home-school diary.

### Reading At Home

At Featherstone Wood we expect your child to read every night. Your child can read:

- Their reading book from school
- A reading book from home
- A book set on their Bug Club account.
- Magazines or comics



### How you can support your child's reading at home.

- ✓ Reading should be enjoyable. Find a comfortable place to read, be patient and praise often
- ✓ Make reading a daily routine
- ✓ Listen to your child read aloud daily for about 10 minutes
- ✓ Read to your child, regularly enjoying books together and modelling to them how an expert reads

**Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."**

- Roald Dahl



### Home-School Diary

All children in the school are given a home-school diary. We ask the children to bring their diary into school every day with their reading book. The staff will record in their diary when they have worked with your child on a specific reading activity. We also ask parents to sign and date when you hear your child read at home. If you wish to make a comment when you hear your child read there is space for this also.

### Guided Reading

Each week the children work with the teacher on a Guided Reading activity. This is a planned lesson giving the teacher opportunity to teach or practice the relevant reading skills for your child's ability. We use this session to teach different reading strategies, hear



your child read and ask questions to ensure their understanding of the text.

### Bug Club Phonics

At Featherstone Wood, we use Bug Club to teach phonics. Children have been given their own Bug Club account which they can access at home and reinforce the learning from school. Your child's teacher will set your child activities and reading books linked to their phonics learning in school.

### Bug Club Reading

Bug Club provides reading books for all year groups as well as spelling and grammar activities. Please use these exciting resources at home and record your child's experiences in their Home-school diaries.

You will find your child's log in at the front of their Home-school Diary.

Books will be allocated to your child on Bug Club according to their reading levels. These books will appear in the 'My Stuff' area of their personal homepages.



Throughout the books there are quiz questions for your child to complete. When your child has finished all the quiz questions in a book, he or she will earn 'Active Learn Coins'. Your child can use

the coins to 'buy' a reward in one of the many reward schemes. The answers to the quiz questions will be sent back to our teacher site so that we can see how your child is progressing. We will also be able to assign more books for your child to read if the virtual book bag is running low.

When your child has finished a book, it will move to 'My Library'. Children can read these books again if they want to, or they can choose new books from 'My Stuff'.

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