

Tips for Reading for Pleasure UKS2



"What are you reading?"
"Tell me the story so far..."
"Who's your favourite character? Why?"

Your child is most likely to be an independent reader at this stage, enjoying a variety of authors and a variety of genres. He / she will know by now the kind of books that they enjoy and will choose according to personal preference. As a parent / carer you should:

- still take an interest in your child's book choices
- use the local library
- question your child about what they are reading
- sit next to your child and read. This shows that you value reading and this helps to create a reading culture in the home. Relax and read together.



Book Talk

Ask why your child is enjoying a book so much. Encourage them to share their views on their chosen text. Ask them what their book is about. Join in with your thoughts too and ask questions. Encourage them to make predictions about what might happen next. Can they re-tell / summarise what they have read so far? This is an important skill that they can practice with an adult.

Reluctant Readers

If your child is reluctant to read independently,

- Read to your child so they can enjoy listening
- Try shared reading - read the book together:
- 'Your turn, my turn' - read alternate pages
- Re-read books that interest your child to help them gain confidence
- Find books that interest your child. This might be books with characters that your child can relate to or fact books that appeal to your child, for example, *Guinness World Records*

Read anything!

Books are great - **but** leaflets, comics, magazines, recipes, shop signs, road signs, instructions and web pages are all important too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Your child should be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is! You can even put the subtitles on TV programmes! Follow your child's interests to promote reading.