

Reading for Enjoyment at Home

NB. We can't force children to read for enjoyment we can only encourage them by making this a relaxed and pleasant time when they can read texts which appeal to them. This is helping to develop an enjoyable and valuable life long interest.

Involving parents in reading for enjoyment plays an important part in encouraging pupils to read.

Ideas for involving parents.

- Book lists – Get children in each year group to put together a list of their favourite books to give to parents as a guide to help them to help their child.
- Invite parents / grandparents in to class to read or tell their favourite stories to the children.
- Parents' Corner – Allocate a corner of the school library for parents and stock this with a variety of books of different languages, genres and ranging abilities. Encourage staff, parents and the wider community to donate their old reading materials.
- Parental workshop / family events – include the importance of supporting your child by reading books in the home language.
- Tea Party – Organise a tea party themed around a popular children's book. Encourage children and parents to read the book before the event and invite parents to attend the party. Some may wish to come as a character from the story.
- Magazine or web space – This could be a dedicated space where parents or children recommend books or give book reviews.
- Recipe book – Ask parents to design a page for a recipe book (or help their child to do it). Once completed the book could

be shared with all parents or sold to raise money for school funds.

- Home made props – Organise a traditional story telling session and ask parents to make some of the props, e.g. puppet characters.