

Littlemoor loves Reading



Welcome to Littlemoor's Reading newsletter.

Each edition will include lots of information and activities, all related to reading.



Every classroom in our school has wonderful shared reading areas that our children can enjoy throughout the day. As well as a gorgeous well-stocked library that the children visit every week. We have also recently bought lots of new reading books for every classroom.



Reading does not just take place in the classroom. We encourage our children to read in our lovely outside areas.

Please continue to read with your children at home, or anywhere they love to read!

Reading with your Child

Reading with your child can mean sharing books, stories, rhymes, or any other writing. In school, we encourage our children to do lots of talking about the books they have read. Share stories whenever you can, we ask for just ten minutes a day-it can make a huge difference. You can:

- Read books, magazines, newspapers-anything together and talk about the stories.
- Chat about the things that you have read.
- Talk about pictures in books.
- Share stories even when you don't have a book in front of you. Why not re-tell your favourite stories?



Ask questions when you are reading together. For example:

- What do you see on this page?
- How do you think the characters feel?
- What do you think is going to happen next?
- What did you like about the story?
- What didn't you like?
- What can they remember about what happened?
- Who was their favourite character?
- Link the story to their own experiences. Can they remember when they did something similar?



What if English isn't my first language?

You don't have to only read books in English.

Carry on sharing books, stories and rhymes in your first language!

- Your child may use English words – you can still reply or repeat what they have said in your own language.

Children love the sound of your voice and can cope with two languages.

- Sharing stories is about more than just learning to read – it's about snuggling up and spending time together.



Littlemoor Reading Royalty

Reading for understanding is an incredibly important life skill. As good readers, we use a wide variety of skills. We teach reading skills weekly and then throughout the week we apply, practise and embed the skills: define, retrieve, sequence, predict, infer, relate, explore, compare and summarise. Children who impress their teacher with their reading have the chance to be crowned Reading King or Queen.



Be a reading role model!

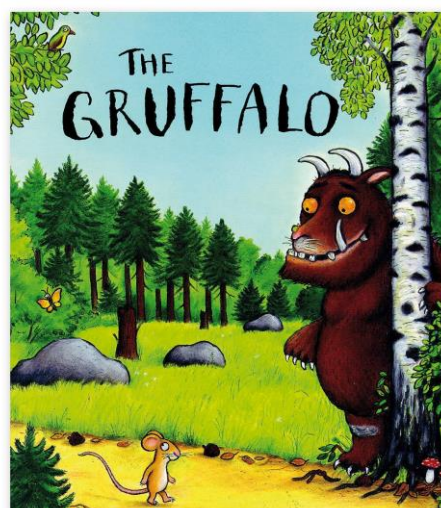
If your child sees you reading, they will want to read too.

- Involve your family in what you are reading - talk about what you have read and what you liked about the story.
- Encourage friends and family to share books with your child. The more people your child sees reading, the more they will want to read too!



Storytime sessions in the Nature garden

Miss Fairbrother will be running a Storytime session **every Friday morning at 9:15** in the Nature garden. If you would like to attend with your pre-school children, for an exciting story-time session as well as any tips for developing reading with your children. Please feel free to join her. **The first session will be Friday 30th April** and she will be reading 'The Gruffalo'. Places are limited so please book on at the school office to secure your place for this lovely session.



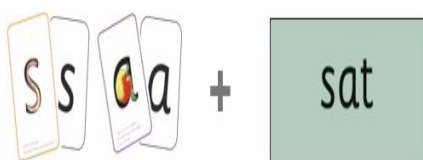
We love reading at Littlemoor and we have created some beautiful whole school displays based on fantastic books we have read. When we returned to school in April, our latest display was based on the book- '**The boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse**' We are so excited to share our work with you!



The teaching of early reading at Littlemoor

We teach phonics using Read, Write Inc from Reception to Year 2 to teach early reading skills. What Read Write Inc. does is simple - we teach sounds (starting with the set 1 sounds below in grey) children practise reading and spelling words containing these sounds, then we give children decodable book bag books to take home containing sounds and words they can read. They read each Storybook three times at school. On each reading, children's fluency increases and the more they can focus on what the story is about. Children also learn to spell the words they have been reading and develop their ideas into sentences so that they can write about the Storybooks they read. More information regarding the teaching of phonics will follow in upcoming newsletters.

Sounds + blending = reading



Speed Sounds Set 1 and Set 2

Consonant sounds - stretchy

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng	nk
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Consonant sounds - bouncy

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
	k											

Vowel sounds - bouncy

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
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Vowel sounds - stretchy

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Next time... Keep checking Facebook/Twitter for upcoming reading events including : Storytime sessions in the Nature garden, Books and breakfast, Phonics play and Pyjamarama! **(14th May)**

Wow word of the week

Our new KS2 champions will be unveiled and introduced in our next edition.

School staff will be sharing their favourite books with you- get thinking about what your favourite book is and we can swap ideas for great stories!

Plus lots more fun and exciting reading-related information and activities.