

AT MOUNT CHARLES WE ARE WORKING HARD TO ENCOURAGE THE CHILDREN TO NOT ONLY READ, BUT TO ENJOY READING TOO!

Why do we need to encourage children to read for pleasure?

READING CHANGES LIVES FOR THE BETTER

- A reading child is quite simply a successful child.
- Reading for pleasure helps in other areas of learning, it helps to imagine things.
- Reading helps children to understand the world.
- Reading helps children to learn new vocabulary.
- Most importantly, we need to show children that reading is enjoyable.

What counts as reading?

- You can read to your child – they are not too old to be read to. Enjoy a story together.
- Listening to audiobooks
- Reading to a younger brother or sister
- Taking them to the library and sharing books.
- Taking turns reading – a page each, a sentence each, a paragraph each.
- Reading joke books, poetry books, recipes, magazines.
- Reading anything that you enjoy!

When should we read?

- Quite simply – whenever you can!
- Make sure that you have a quiet space. Make sure you are comfortable. Turn off the TV and any other distractions.
- Make time for reading – don't rush. Try to make it a regular thing that you do. Even just 5 minutes a day makes a difference.
- Make sure you praise your child when they do read to you.
- Be enthusiastic about the book.
- One of the best things that you can do is lead by example so here is your excuse to put your feet up, get out a book and read! If your child sees you reading, they will copy you.
- The message we want the children to have is this:

You open a book – you read – you have a good time – the end!

BOOKWORMS will
rule the **WORLD**
As soon as we finish
one more chapter..



What the children in Year 1 had to say

- I like reading funny books at home because it makes my mum laugh.
- I love art, so I often get ideas for my pictures when we read at home.
- When I read at home it helps me to remember all my words. Mummy is really proud and tells me she loves me.
- I like reading with my mum because she helps me to read big words.
- I love reading new long words and talking about what they mean.
- I like cuddling up on the sofa with my mum and sharing a book.
- I like reading in my bed.
- I like reading Peppa Pig to my baby brother and making him laugh.
- I like having peace and quiet in my bedroom and reading a book.
- I don't like reading to my mum while she is making tea, I prefer reading in bed.
- I like reading with mum and dad in bed.
- I like going to the Library because I can't wait to find new books.
- I love going into mum and dad's bed to read.
- I like reading all my baby books again because I can read them myself.



Some quotes from children in KS2 about reading at home.....

- I enjoy reading together and sharing the book together.
- It makes me feel calm.
- You get to sit and have a quiet read with them.
- It takes my mind off things.
- I like spending time with my family and enjoying the books together.
- We discover lots of different things together.
- I know my mum listens carefully and tells me how to improve.
- It's a chance for quiet time.
- I like listening to stories- parents know the words – they flow better.
- We are not too old to be read to.
- We love playing on our Xbox, but we love story time with our parents as much or more!

The Rights of the Reader

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1 The right not to read.



2 The right to skip.



3 The right not to finish a book.



4 The right to read it again.



5 The right to read anything.



6 The right to mistake a book for real life.



7 The right to read anywhere.



8 The right to dip in.



9 The right to read out loud.



10 The right to be quiet.

10 rights - 1 warning
Don't make fun of people
who don't read -
or they never will.



Some quotes from the Teachers

"We love reading in our house – after all we are the Reids! The bedtime books that I was once reading to my children, they are now reading to me! Make the time and savour it – it's precious." *Mrs. Reid.*

"As my children came to the end of primary school I loved still having the chance to cuddle up with them in bed. Issues in the books we read together encouraged them to share their concerns about school and growing up in a safe environment. Even now we still share books and talk about what we like in our reading. It makes us even closer." *Mrs. Knuckey.*

"I have to admit to being rather selfish. I always choose to do any storytelling assembly. Then I choose a favourite story. The Legend of Spud Murphy by Eoin Colfer is always great to read at the start of Year 3. My favourite sentence? – I LOVE BARBIE." *Mr. Leathes.*

"The enjoyment of reading together is when you lose all track of time and place." *Mrs. Matthews.*

"I like seeing the smile on his face when we read." *Mrs. Welch.*

"I loved the family, cosy time." *Mrs. Hunkin.*

"Now my child has grown up it's still nice to share jokes and the humour of books. We've loved the David Walliams series." *Mr. Walters.*

"When we read together we forget everything else. It's one of the best parts of the day!" *Miss Nile.*