

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Moat Farm, we believe your child's reading experience is much more than the reading book which is brought home from school. Reading is happening all the time in classrooms and in school. It is taught in specific reading and English lessons, but children are practising and using their 'reading' constantly across all subjects too.

Parents can support this 'reading journey' through regular reading at home, we ask that children read at least three times a week and this is recorded in children's reading records. Reading to and with your child every evening for at least ten minutes, can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school. A report from the Oxford University Press highlighted the importance of parents reading with their children. 'Children who read outside of class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age'.

The report also offers six tips for reading with your child at home, including:

1. Make time to read- even ten minutes a day
2. Choose different types of books
3. Take turns to read
4. Talk about the book- asking your child questions
5. Pay attention to the language
6. Enjoy reading

Reading can offer comfort, relaxation, and fun. Reading together provides opportunities for families to bond, encourages communication, and develops confidence in areas such as writing, listening and speaking. These essential skills allow us to achieve success, not only in the classroom, but in life beyond school.

In order to further support reading at home, bookmarks have been created which your child will receive for their current book band, with hints and tips about how you can talk about your child's book with them.

If you have any questions regarding reading or supporting your child with reading at home, please contact one of our reading mentors: Mrs Barnett or Mrs Woodhall or alternatively go to our school website where you will find documents to support reading at home on the reading page under the curriculum heading.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

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