



Your Child's Reading Journey in Leopard Class

Your child's reading journey will be the key to help them access all areas of the curriculum and beyond. We want your child to be excited and passionate about reading a wide range of texts.

Together, we can help your child on this journey and develop a love of reading.

YOUR SUPPORT AT HOME

It really does make a difference for your child if you are positive about reading and support them in their reading at home. By listening to them read for a minimum of 5-10 minutes each day, it will have beneficial impact on their progression. We find little and often, particularly at this age, helps develop their fluency and enjoyment.

Reading for pleasure is hugely important to instill that love of reading in your child and a big part of this is listening to and sharing books with you. Ensure you're allocating time where you and your child don't feel rushed or pressured; snuggling on the sofa or bedtime stories are perfect times to connect with your child over a book. Consider a wide range of texts to enjoy together, such as a subscription to a magazine, books from the library or a favourite book from home you've read many times before. Your child will enjoy sharing this special time with you. Below are some websites you might find helpful for some lovely age-appropriate books:

[Oxford Owl for School and Home](#)

[Recommended books and booklists for KS1 \(ages 5-7\) \(booksfortopics.com\)](#)

WHAT WE WILL DO IN SCHOOL

Reading in school falls into two strands which we feel builds confident, fluent and happy readers. Strand one is our reading comprehension scheme Little Wandle. This is linked closely with the learning of phonics. Your child will have three Little Wandle group reading sessions per week. These sessions teach your child the skills of reading and help them to progress from purely decoding texts matched to their phonics learning, to reading with prosody, understanding and increasing their knowledge of challenging vocabulary.

Strand two is our collection of home reading books. Your child will be assessed and supported to choose from a selection of these books that will build their confidence and love of reading. It is these books that we'd like you to listen to your child read on a daily basis. We ask that you complete a reading diary to show that your child has read so we can keep track of what they have been doing at home. (Children who are reading home readers at stages 1-5 will also have regular 1:1 reading sessions in school plus the Little Wandle group reading.)

Once a child is on home reading stage 5 they will steadily progress through the rest of the stages up to and including stage 12 – we do not rush a child through stages as there are many challenging books within each stage that will stretch and interest your child. After stage 12, they then reach our fluency box which must be completed before becoming a free reader. Every child's reading journey is different and a child may be working towards fluency within KS1 or in lower KS2. Once your child is in KS2 their teacher will give you more information about free readers and our recommendations and expectations of reading at this stage.

We assess your child regularly within our Little Wandle group reading sessions in class and by using a termly reading comprehension assessment along with a reading age assessment. You will be updated about your child's progress through parent meetings and reports. If you ever have a query about reading, please leave a message in the reading diary or get in touch via ClassDojo. Your child will have 3-4 home reading books per week depending on their stage. These will be changed weekly on a Monday; however, please ensure reading books are always sent into school in book bags.

Leopards will also have the opportunity to visit our school library where they can browse books and borrow one to take home.

