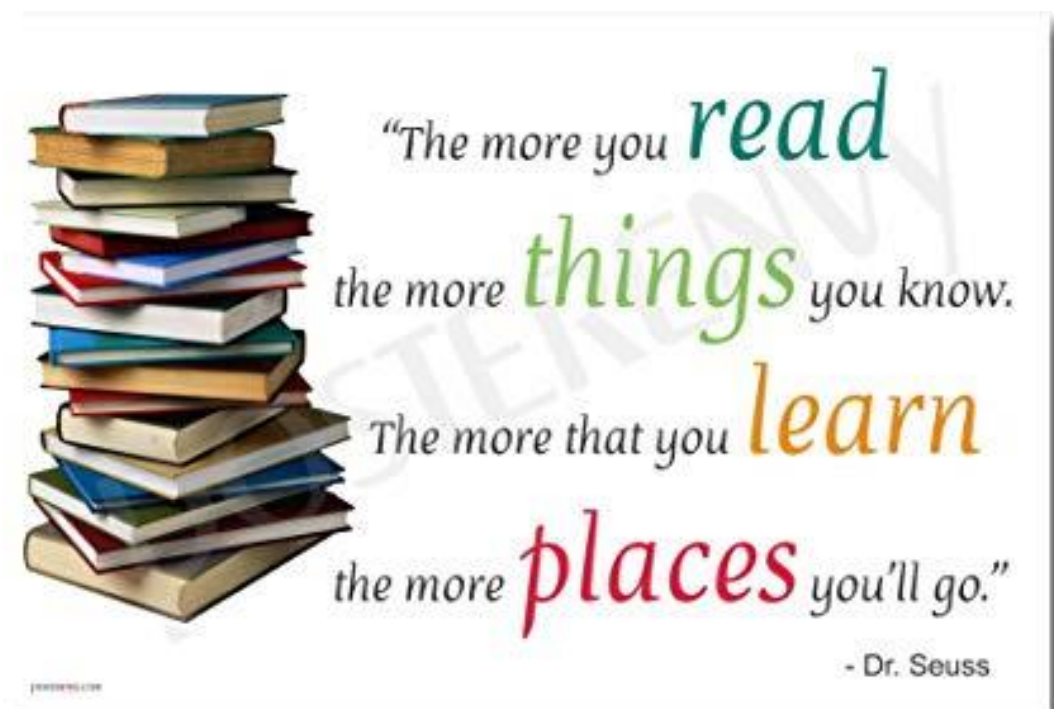




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Reading together at home is an important way in which you can help your child. As you share books, you are helping improve your child's reading skills and also showing them how important and enjoyable reading is.

Reading for Pleasure

At Seven Kings School, we feel passionately about the importance of reading for pleasure for both children and adults. Reading independently, as well as hearing stories read aloud, is a magical experience and opens up a whole new world to your child. Not only does reading for pleasure have a positive impact on parts of our lives such as wellbeing and empathy towards others, there is also strong evidence that children who read for pleasure are more likely to achieve high academic success across all subjects when they leave school.

Reading for Pleasure Top Tips:

- Make time to read. Set aside a time for reading to your child – possibly after school or before bedtime. As children get older, encourage independent reading but don't be afraid to still tell a bedtime story!
- Share stories in your home language too.
- Visit your library It's free to join! Libraries are a fantastic place for the whole family to visit. As well as taking books out on loan, they often offer fun activities for the children, courses for adults and the librarians are experts at making book recommendations. Visit <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/libraries/> for more information on your nearest library or how to join.
- Remember, you don't only have to read fiction. Your child might love: comics, graphic novels, magazines, information books, newspapers, poems, sports reports and brochures so give them a try.
- Speak to the staff at Seven Kings. We love to recommend books for your child as well as hearing your recommendations too!

"Reading a book is like opening a door into a magical world where anything is possible."
- Cressida Cowell



Supporting Reading at Home

- Find a place to sit together that suits you both.
- Try to read for 10 minutes a day and once over the weekend.
- Find some time to talk about the book as well as reading it.

Below you will find a list of possible questions to help you with conversations about your child's reading. They are not intended to be used all at once or every time you read with your child. Use them at your discretion and where they are appropriate, depending on the child's age and interest.

Happy reading!

Writing in Reading Record Books

Please date, comment and put a signature in your child's Reading Record.

Short comments may be made about your discussion, how hard the child tried, how well you child read, how they tackled unknown/difficult words etc.

Examples:

- Read well today and tackled new words with confidence.
- Used their phonic knowledge to sound out new words.
- Could talk about the events in the story confidently.
- Used the pictures to assist understanding.
- Needed lots of help to understand the main events.
- Enjoyed the story because
- Fantastic expression.
- We talked about how this story reminded us of the story.....because.....
- Would benefit from reading again to improve fluency/understanding.
- Has learnt all about..... and could explain in their own words.
- We discussed the new word and its meaning.
- We talked about what the character was thinking and feeling.

Questions to ask before you read

- Look at the pictures and predict what you think will happen in this book.
- What characters do you think might be in our story?
- Do you think there will be a problem in this story? Why or why not?
- Does the topic/story relate to you or our family? How?

Questions to ask during the reading

- What do you think will happen next?
- What can you tell me about the story so far?
- Can you predict how the story will end?
- Why do you think the character did _____?
- What would you have done if you were the character?
- How would you have felt if you were the character? (use different characters)
- As I read _____, it made me picture _____ in my head. What pictures do you see in your head?

Questions to ask after reading

- In your opinion, was it a good title for this book? Why or why not?
- If you could give the book another title, what would it be?
- Were your predictions about the story correct?
- Is there a character in the story like you? How are you alike?

- Which characters would you like to meet in real life?
- If there was a problem, did it get solved?
- What was your favourite part of the story?
- If you could change one thing in the story, what would it be?
- Can you retell the story in order?
- If you were _____, how would you have felt?
- What do you wish was different about the ending?
- What do you think the author wants readers to remember most from this book?
- Was there one big lesson you took away from this book?
- What would you say to persuade a friend to read it or not to read it?
- Summarise the book in 3 sentences.
- Would the book make a good film? Video game? TV show? Why?
- What is one thing you could ask the author if you could talk to him or her?

Questions for older or more confident readers:

- Explain the title.
- If you could give this book another title, what would it be?
- What category or genre do you think it fits into?
- Something you liked/disliked about it. Why?
- Describe the setting/one of the main characters.
- Which character did you like most/least?
- What changes does a main character go through?
- What techniques does the author use to tell the story?
- How did reading it change you, or your views?
- What feedback would you give the author? How might you have written it differently?
- How might you change the ending if you were the author?
- What do you think is the big idea that the author wants you to know? Why?
- Would the book make a good film? Video game? TV show? Why?
- What would you want to read about in a sequel or prequel?
- What is one thing you could ask the author if you could talk to him or her?