

Reading at Churchfields Junior School

Why is reading important?

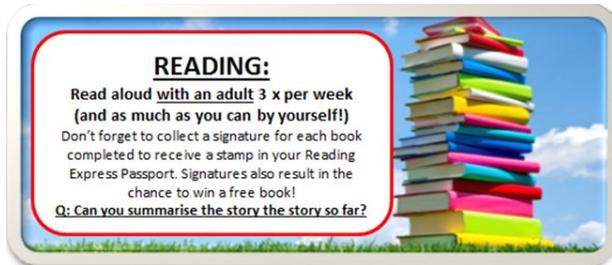
Studies show that children who read for enjoyment every day:

- Perform better in reading tests
- Develop a broader vocabulary and speak with greater precision and clarity
- Cultivate an increased general knowledge
- Gain a better understanding of other cultures
- Become more accomplished writers

In fact, reading for pleasure is **more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.**

How can you help your child?

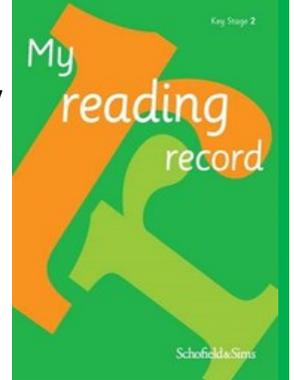
Reading has such a high profile at Churchfields that it is set as homework every week. This is due to the direct impact that a child's ability to read and comprehend has on their wider education.



We understand that many of our families have very active and busy home-lives and that it may not be possible for children to read aloud to an adult every night. In light of this, we ask for **at least three entries to be made in the reading records each week.**

How to use the Reading Record?

Every time you listen to your child read, write an entry in the reading record, as shown below. If your child has finished the book, please make a note so the teacher knows they have finished the book. It also has a handy page with suggested questions that you can ask when listening to your child read.



An example of how to fill the Reading Record out:

Date	Title of book and page numbers read	Type of book (for example, fiction, non-fiction)	Comments
18/10/18	Charlotte's Web pg 19-27	Classic	We discussed the character's relationships
19/10/18	" " pg 27-39	" "	Peter is enjoying this book! He found: 'trough', 'sow' and 'intricately' tricky to pronounce
22/10/18	" " pg 132 →	" "	Book finished <i>[Signature]</i>

What will we do at school?

Reading Records will be checked for entries in class.

When a note has been made that a child has completed a book, the class teacher will:

- Update the Reading Tracker
- Award a stamp in the Reading Express Passport
- Award a raffle ticket for the weekly raffle
- In the raffle if their number is drawn they will win a prize