



READING NEWSLETTER

SUMMER EDITION



Statistics from National Literacy Trust (2023)

- Daily story time at home with caregivers has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun.
- Fewer than 3 in 10 (28.0%) children and young people aged 8 to 18 said that they read daily.
- Half (52.9%) of 8 to 18-year-olds told us they had been encouraged to read by their parents/carers.
- In 2023, 4 in 5 (80.8%) children aged 5 to 8 told us they had a book of their own at home, meaning that 1 in 5 (19.2%) did not.
- Just 2 in 5 children aged 8 to 18 said they enjoyed reading in 2023, which is as low as the number has ever been since we first asked the question in 2005.

SUBTITLES

Turning on quality subtitles means your child will read a staggering number of words. Put them on and your child will read the equivalent number of words that are in all the Harry Potter books, all of the Lord of the Rings, all of the Chronicles of Narnia and everything Roald Dahl wrote, combined!

Research has shown that it can double the chance of your child leaving school as a proficient reader. Perhaps, after all, there is a magic button...

STORY TIME AT HOME

- IF A CHILD IS READ TO DAILY, THEY WILL HAVE HEARD APPROXIMATELY 296,660 WORDS BY THE TIME THEY ARE 5 YEARS OLD. IF A CHILD IS READ 5 BOOKS A DAY, THEY WILL HAVE HEARD APPROXIMATELY 1,483,300 WORDS BY THE TIME THEY ARE 5 YEARS OLD (NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST).
- FIND A QUIET, COMFORTABLE PLACE TO READ TO YOUR CHILD
- ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS AND SHARE OPINIONS
- ENCOURAGE THEM TO THINK ABOUT NEW WORDS
- HAVE FUN AND LAUGH!
- MAKE IT A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE
- YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD, TOO WACKY, TOO WILD, TO PICK UP A BOOK AND READ TO A CHILD.

RECOMMENDED READS

THE READER TEACHER WEBSITE HAS 100 RECOMMENDED READS FOR EACH YEAR GROUP. THIS IS A FUN AND EXCITING WAY TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO CHOOSE A BOOK THAT IS AGE-APPROPRIATE - MAYBE THEY WILL CHOOSE A BOOK THEY KNOW THAT THEIR FRIEND HAS READ; MAYBE THEY COULD SWAP BOOKS AFTER.

ALSO ON THIS WEBSITE, THERE IS A "BOOK MATCH" SECTION, WHICH ALLOWS YOU TO CLICK ON A BOOK THAT YOU HAVE ENJOYED AND THEN BE DIRECTED TO SIMILAR BOOKS THAT YOU MIGHT ENJOY.

STRONG READERS MAY CHOOSE FROM THE RECOMMENDED READING LIST THAT IS THE YEAR ABOVE, WHEREAS CHILDREN WHO FIND READING HARDER MIGHT CHOOSE FROM THE YEAR GROUP BELOW.

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