

World Book Day

Promoting a love of reading



Outcomes of session

Today, we will discuss...

- Why it is important to promote a love of reading.
- What we do at Curwen to get kids excited about books and reading.
- Some strategies/ideas for you to support and encourage your children at home.

Why is reading important?

Some benefits of promoting reading for pleasure at home:

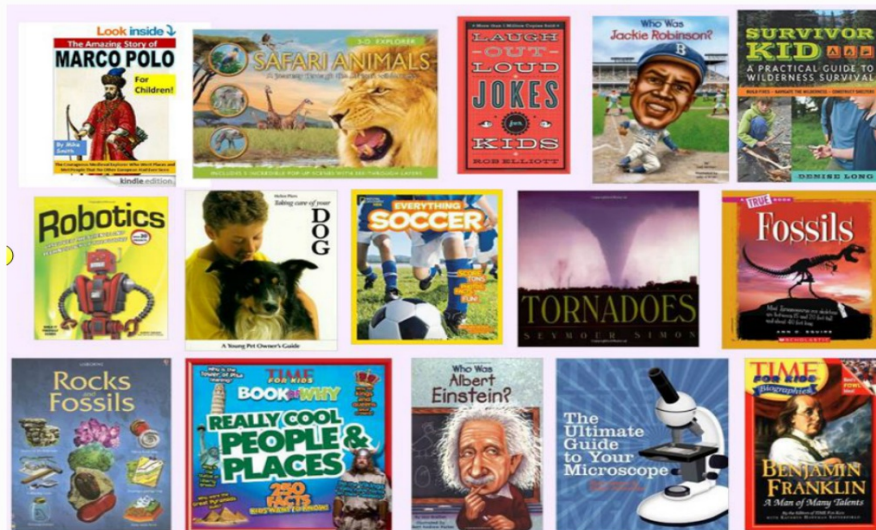
- Reading brings families together
- Develops relationships and promotes empathy through sharing ideas and opinions
- Children keep their mind active
- Children learn how to concentrate
- Reading before bed helps them to sleep
- Improves vocabulary / improves pronunciation
- Helps with the spellings
- Improves creativity (writing, role play, expressing ideas)

What does reading look like at Curwen?

- Reading underpins everything your child does at school (not just literacy lessons/guided reading).
- Opportunities to read in small groups, whole class or 1:1 with an adult.
- Story time at 3pm- listening to stories/asking questions
- Weekly/fortnightly library visits
- Book clubs (currently Y6) - opportunities to read and discuss books with friends.
- Book corners in every classroom
- Reading exchange boxes in every classroom
- Reading buddies
- Reading raffle and star readers
- Brand-new Book Vending Machine

Fiction and Non Fiction books

Boys are sometimes apprehensive readers, especially when it comes to reading fiction (stories). Encourage them to find books about topics and areas that interest them. Non fiction books are sometimes the best texts to get reluctant reader excited about reading.



- It doesn't only have to be books - magazines, newspapers, online books (Bug Club), blogs etc.

How to promote a love of reading...

- If children see adults reading then they will want to read too
- It doesn't only have to be books - magazines, newspapers, online books (Bug Club), blogs etc.
- Listen to your child read but also read to them. Mix it up or even take turns.
- Discuss and explain the new vocabulary
- Act out the story / recreate the story with toys
- Ask the children about things that interest them- boys reading non-fiction books and magazines
- It is ok to re-read books.



Bug club


Children can access books online that are at the right level for them and teachers regularly upload books.



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How to support your child's love of reading

- Encourage your child to take a book or magazine from the Book Exchange Box in their classrooms.



- Encourage them to read every day at home so they can get as many raffle tickets as possible. The more raffle tickets they have, the better the chance of them winning a golden token to use in the Book Vending Machine.

- Go to your local library - encourage them to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

- Visit the Discover Centre in Stratford.

- Visit the British Library in Kings Cross.



Most important thing...

Read with your child

Listen to them read

They listen to you read

Read together with a sibling, cousin or friend



Activities/games to play with your children

- Book review - written up or create a video.
- Create a story corner in their bedroom.
- Fill a jar with memories from their favourite story.
- Get your children make their own comics or write their own fan-fiction, and share their work with their classmates.
- Use an old shoe box and turn it into a story box.
- Create a poster, fact file or project about their favourite books and authors.

Questions?

