

Useful websites to support reading at home

- ✓ <http://www.booktrust.org.uk/>
- ✓ <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/>
- ✓ <http://www.guardian.co.uk/childrens-books-site>
- ✓ lovereading4kids.co.uk
- ✓ <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/parent-support/>
- ✓ <https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/marcus-rashford-book-club/>
- ✓ <http://www.astorybeforebed.com/>
- ✓ <https://fcbg.org.uk/>
- ✓ literacytrust.org.uk
- ✓ booksforkeeps.co.uk

Where to purchase books - including used books

- ✓ <https://www.abebooks.co.uk/UsedBooks.shtml> (used books)
- ✓ <https://onlineshop.oxfam.org.uk/books/category/books> (used books)
- ✓ <https://www.awesomebooks.com/> (both new and used)
- ✓ <https://www.wob.com/en-gb> (both new and used)
- ✓ Google search
- ✓ <https://www.waterstones.com/>
- ✓ <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home/reading-site/find-a-book/library-page>

There are also many charity shops and bookshops in the local area that have a whole range of books to check out!

Read Write Inc – For help and support, please visit...

- ✓ <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Children's book awards

- ✓ Blue Peter Book Award (booktrust.org.uk)
- ✓ Carnegie Medal & Kate Greenaway Medal (carnegiegreenaway.org.uk)
- ✓ Costa Children's Award (<https://www.costa.co.uk/behind-the-beans/costa-book-awards/book-awards>)
- ✓ Guardian Children's Fiction Prize
- ✓ The Children's Book Award (formerly Red House Book awards) <http://fcbg.org.uk/childrens-book-award/>



Decoy Community Primary School Reading in EYFS & Key Stage 1



A Parent/Carer Guide

The teaching of reading

Your child is learning to read with Read Write Inc. Phonics, a very popular and successful literacy programme. Your child will learn to read in a very simple way.

They will learn to:

- ✓ Read letters by their 'sounds'
- ✓ Blend these sounds into words
- ✓ Read the words in a story

First, your child will learn to read:

- ✓ Set 1 Speed Sounds: these are sounds written with one letter: m a s d t i n p g o c k u b f e l h r j v y w z x and sounds written with two letters (your child will call these 'special friends'): sh th ch qu ng nk ck
- ✓ Words containing these sounds, by sound-blending, e.g. m-a-t mat, c-a-t cat, g-o-t got, f-i-sh fish, s-p-o-t spot, b-e-s-t best, s-p-l-a-sh splash
- ✓ Blending Books and Red, Green and Purple Storybooks.

Second, they will learn to read:

- ✓ Set 2 Speed Sounds: ay ee igh ow oo oo ar or air ir ou oy
- ✓ Words containing these sounds
- ✓ Pink, Orange and Yellow Storybooks.

Third, they will learn to read:

- ✓ Set 3 Speed Sounds: ea oi a-e i-e o-e u-e aw are ur er ow ai oa ew ire ear ure
- ✓ Words containing these sounds
- ✓ Blue and Grey Storybooks.

Book Bag Books

Your child will also bring home a Book Bag Book. This book builds upon the ideas and many of the words in the Storybook he or she has just read. Your child may require more support in reading this book.

A really useful website with lots of videos and free eBooks, please visit:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

The website, The School Reading List, provides a comprehensive list of 100 picture books to read before 5 Years Old.

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks1-school-pupils/>



In addition to the picture books list aimed at Reception children, the website lists books aimed at Year 1 and Year 2 children.

Reading for Pleasure

Here at Decoy Community Primary School, we believe that it is not only vital to teach children to read but to have a love of literature and want to read.

Reading for pleasure opens up new worlds for children. It gives them the opportunity to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters.

Reading for pleasure also improves children's well-being and empathy. It helps them to understand their own identity, and gives them an insight into the world and the views of others. Research shows that reading for pleasure can be directly linked to children's success throughout their time at school and even into adulthood (*Oxford Owl*).

We aim to promote reading for pleasure in a number of ways:

- ✓ Providing children with a range of reading materials from a stylish library.
- ✓ Providing children with a dedicated space and opportunities to read.
- ✓ Fun reading challenges to take part in.
- ✓ Activities and challenges for World Book Day.

Reading focused events throughout the school year:

- ✓ World Book Day
- ✓ Scholastic Book Fair
- ✓ Author of the month

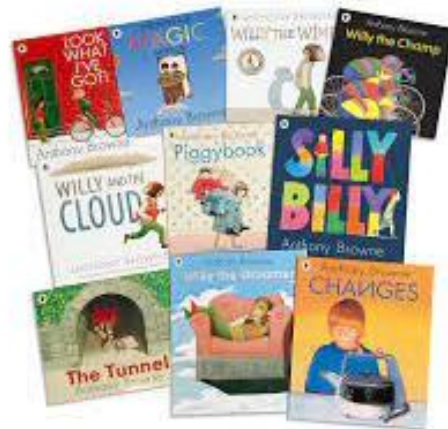
Recommended Authors

Top Authors for KS1

<https://clubs-kids.scholastic.co.uk/authors> - check the website for a comprehensive list of top authors and the 'Author of the Month'

Here are some of our favourites:

- ✓ Roald Dahl
- ✓ Francesca Simon
- ✓ Julia Donaldson
- ✓ Alan Ahlberg
- ✓ Eric Carle
- ✓ Lauren Child
- ✓ Jill Murphy
- ✓ Michael Rosen
- ✓ Anthony Brown
- ✓ Jon Oke
- ✓ Alexis Deacon
- ✓ Mini Grey
- ✓ Oliver Jeffers
- ✓ Emily Gravett
- ✓ Dick King Smith



Class Read - Teachers at Decoy love reading as much as the children and each class will have their own class book which the teacher will read on a daily basis.

Book Talk

Book talk is a great way to discuss the book with your child and encourages them to develop their comprehension skills. Why not try these conversation starters?

- ✓ I love that word.....
- ✓ It makes me feel.....
- ✓ I wonder why the character is behaving like that?
- ✓ How do you think they are feeling?
- ✓ How do you know?
- ✓ I really like the way the author describes the...because.....
- ✓ What do you think will happen next? Why?
- ✓ Would you want to read another book by this author?

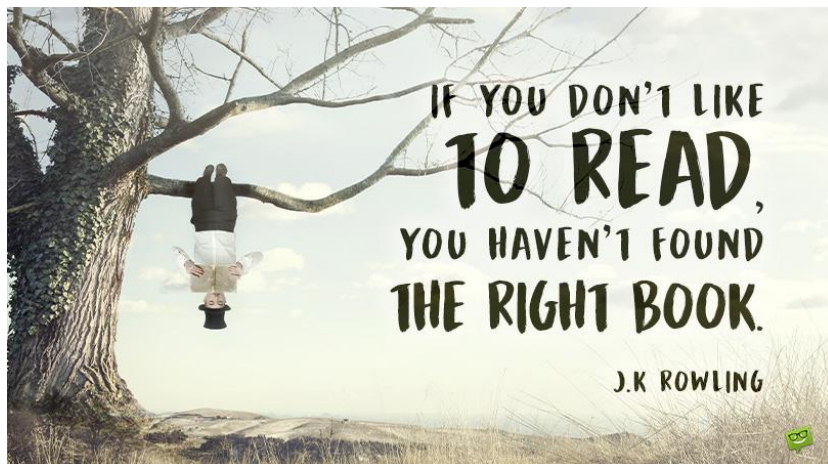


When reading becomes stressful

We all know that reading can be a stressful experience for both adults and children at home. If it does all get a bit too much, try these handy strategies.

- ✓ **Paired Reading** - take it in turns to read a page/ paragraph/ chapter. Reading long books or pages can feel overwhelming. Sharing the load can make it feel more manageable. Try reading aloud together and trading off pages. This gives children a break and lets them hear fluent reading.
- ✓ **Give them choices** - Some children have trouble focusing on reading if the topic doesn't interest them. When possible, let children pick their own books. Or let them choose different formats, like magazines or graphic novels.
- ✓ **Follow along** - When children lose their place, it makes reading stressful and time-consuming. Have them use their finger to keep track of which line they're on.
- ✓ **Keep reading sessions short and enjoyable** - make them a really treasured part of the day.

Remember, we want you and your child(ren) to enjoy reading!



Top Tips for reading

- ✓ **Make reading fun:** Reading aloud can be a lot of fun for all involved. Try using different voices or substituting a character's name with your child's name.
- ✓ **Read every day:** Create that special time to sit down and read. Choose a time when your child is willing and not tired. This should be an enjoyable and stress-free time for all involved.
- ✓ **Set an example:** You are the child's most important role model. If they see you reading they will understand that reading is a worthwhile activity.
- ✓ **Talk about books:** Talking about books is just as important as reading them. Discussing what your child is reading with them helps them to relate it to their own experiences.
- ✓ **Listen to your child read:** Reading to another person allows children to practise and improve on their reading skills.
- ✓ **Show you value your child's efforts:** Always use lots of praise and encouragement. For example, "I noticed you read that tricky word correctly. Nice work." Specific praise can build self-esteem and encourage children to read more.
- ✓ **Read a wide range of material:** Cook books, newspapers, magazines, audio books, food labels, receipts and picture books all develop a child's reading.

