

Reading For Pleasure

At Merridale, we believe that an enjoyment of reading has a life-long impact on a child and their academic attainment. We expect all children to complete our reading challenge (reading for 20 minutes at least five days a week). While we encourage children of all ages to read aloud to an adult as often as possible, it is also important to vary how your child meets their daily reading challenge. Why don't you try out some of these ideas at home?

Read to your child

Your children are never too old to enjoy listening to a story. Find a quiet time at home and read to your child. This could be a favourite story, their school library book or a more challenging book that they would not be able to read alone. Talk about the characters in the book and what your child thinks might happen next.



Cbeebies Bedtime Stories



For younger children, Cbeebies shows a daily bedtime story at 6.50pm each night. Episodes are available on BBC iplayer too!

E-books from the library

If your child has a library card (you can get these **FREE** from any Wolverhampton library), they can now download e-books for **FREE**.



www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/2515/Borrow-eBooks

Encourage your child to read as widely as possible

Your child can read anything they choose to: comics, magazines, newspapers, non-fiction books, poetry etc. It does not have to be a "story" book or their school reading book. Try to encourage them to read something they would not usually choose.

Listen to audio books

The following websites provide access to **FREE** audio books which your child may enjoy.

<https://www.storynory.com/>



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5LPPGCICvFQZ41WVC9rxjm/english>



<https://learnenglish-kids.britishcouncil.org/short-stories>



If you have any audio books on CD, why not play them on car journeys and listen to them together? "The Book People" and "The Works" websites/shops have lots of reasonable priced books and audio books available to buy.



Don't forget to follow us on twitter @merridaleads to keep up-to-date with what your child is reading in class. Why not share what you are reading at home too?