



Why is reading so important?

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, there's evidence to suggest that reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

List of online websites which offer reading books for free.

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

Having access to a school library is really important for children. School libraries nurture a love of reading that can enrich children's literacy skills, academic achievements and mental wellbeing. Our Virtual School Library will complement existing school libraries and will ensure that children have access to the magical world of stories all year round, whether they are learning at school or at home.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

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How you can help your child at home.

- Reading should be **enjoyed**. Find a comfortable place to read, **be patient** and praise often.
- Make reading a **daily** routine.
- Listen to your child read aloud daily, aiming for **at least 10 minutes**.
- Read **to** your child, enjoying books together and modelling to them how an expert reads.

Remember **praise** is a great motivator! Always remind your child how well they are doing and how proud you are of their reading.

