



Pudsey Waterloo Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Supporting and encouraging your child to read at home, and to develop a love of reading, is the single most valuable way you can help them to make good progress in school.

We suggest that you read with your child regularly: ideally for 5 to 10 minutes a day wherever possible, but at least three times per week. Older children and very confident younger readers often prefer to read by themselves but it is still important to make time for them to do so. It is also always valuable to read to, and with, your child from time to time, regardless of their age or reading confidence.

We provide books to read with your child in several different ways:

Oxford Reading Scheme books

These books have been carefully written to match your child's current reading attainment and are suitable for all year groups. These are levelled from 1 to 20 - please look for the Oxford Reading Level on the back of the book. The grid below shows how children might progress through the scheme:

Oxford Reading Level	End of Year Expectation
Level 1	
Level 1+	
Level 2	
Level 3	Reception
Level 4	
Level 5	
Level 6	Yr 1
Level 7	
Level 8	
Level 9	
Level 10	Yr 2
Level 11	
Key Stage 2	
Level 8	
Level 9	
Level 10	
Level 11	



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Level 12	
Level 13	Yr 3
Level 14	
Level 15	Yr 4
Level 16	
Level 17	Yr 5
Level 18	
Level 19	Yr 6
Level 20	

Core Reading Books

These are a mixture of classic and modern children's fiction and non-fiction, carefully matched to suit your child's year group. They are found in the book corner of each classroom and children are able to take these books home.

We are providing these books to ensure that all our children have the chance to enjoy reading a range of high-quality children's literature suitable to their age. We hope that these books will help foster a love of reading for pleasure, as well as helping them to learn new vocabulary, develop their imaginations and widen their knowledge of the world.

There is no expectation that your child will be able to read these books independently although by Key Stage 2, most children will be able to do so. You can read the books to your child or share the reading together, according to your child's confidence as a reader. Reading the books more than once can be very beneficial, especially if your child enjoyed the story.

You can find the current list of core reading books for each year group on our website here: <https://www.pudseywaterloo.co.uk/waterloo-core-books-list/>

School Library:

Children visit the library with their class every week. They can choose any book they wish to take home and enjoy with an adult or independently as you wish. Visiting the school library exposes children to a much wider range of children's fiction and non-fiction and helps them develop their tastes and preferences as a reader, and, we hope, nurtures their love of reading.



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Recording your reading:

We do not wish for recording your child's reading to be an onerous task or one which takes away the pleasure of reading - however recording your child's reading regularly helps teachers gain a much greater insight into your child's attitudes to reading and their development as a reader.

Therefore we ask that as parents and carers, you support them in recording their reading in your child's planner on the appropriate day/ page three times each week. Younger children will need the title of the book and pages read, recorded for them by an adult. Older children can write the book title and pages read themselves, and make any comments if they wish.

Please also sign your child's planner each week.

Thank you for all your support helping your child become a reader!

Mr Hutchinson

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