Supporting Your Child's Reading

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Facts and Figures

Reading for pleasure is **the single biggest indicator** of a child's future **success**.

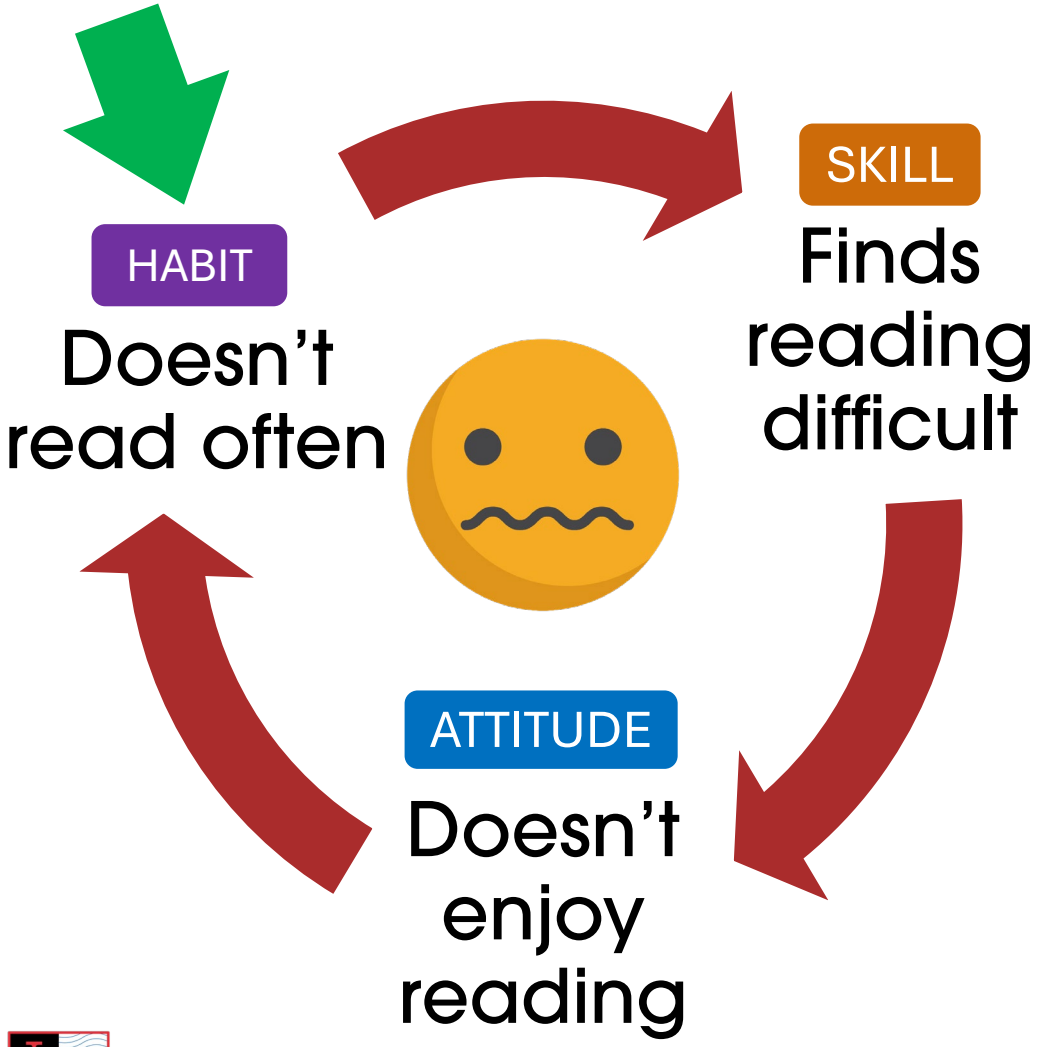
1 in 4

11-year-olds have **not** reached the expected standard of reading by the time they start secondary school.

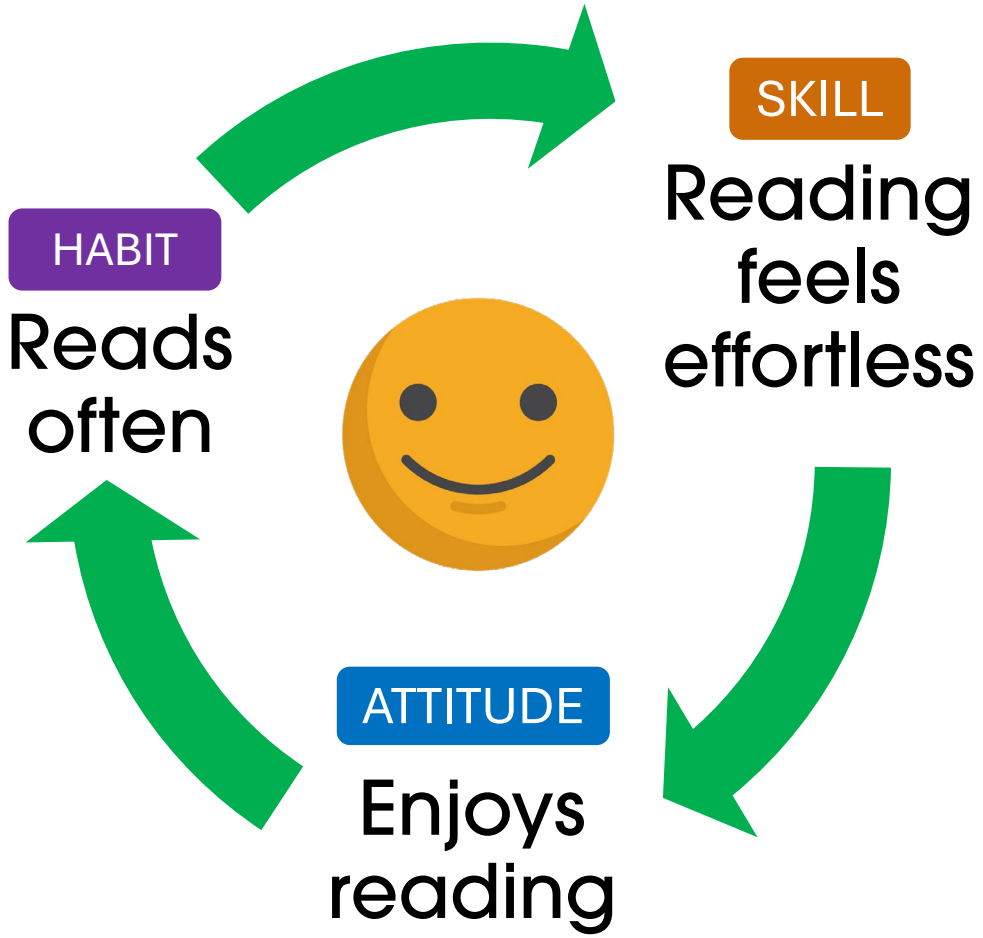
1 in 3

children aged 8-18 said they enjoy reading in their free time. This is the **lowest level of enjoyment on record**.

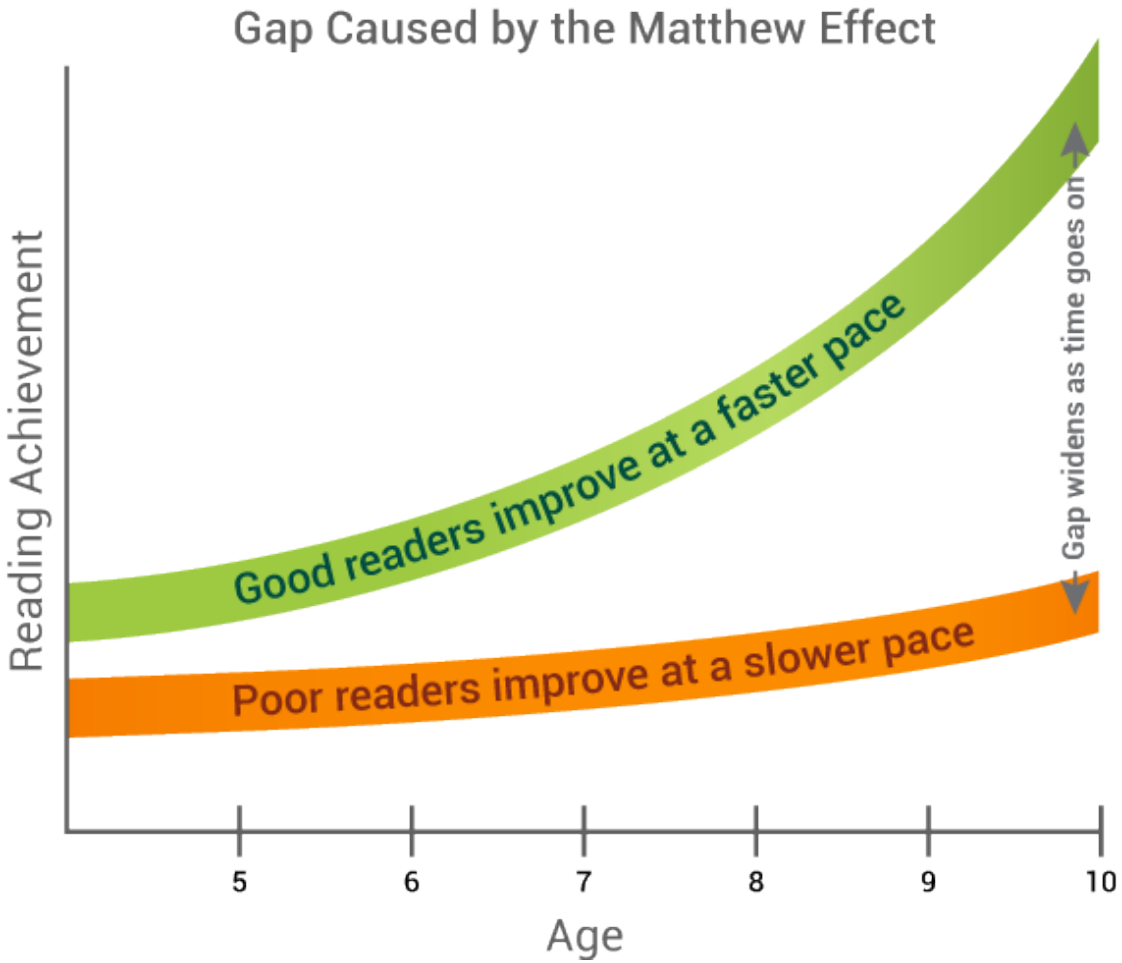
The Vicious Cycle of the Weak Reader



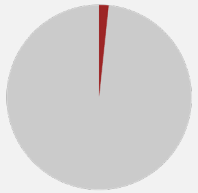
The Virtuous Cycle of the Skilled Reader



The Matthew Effect

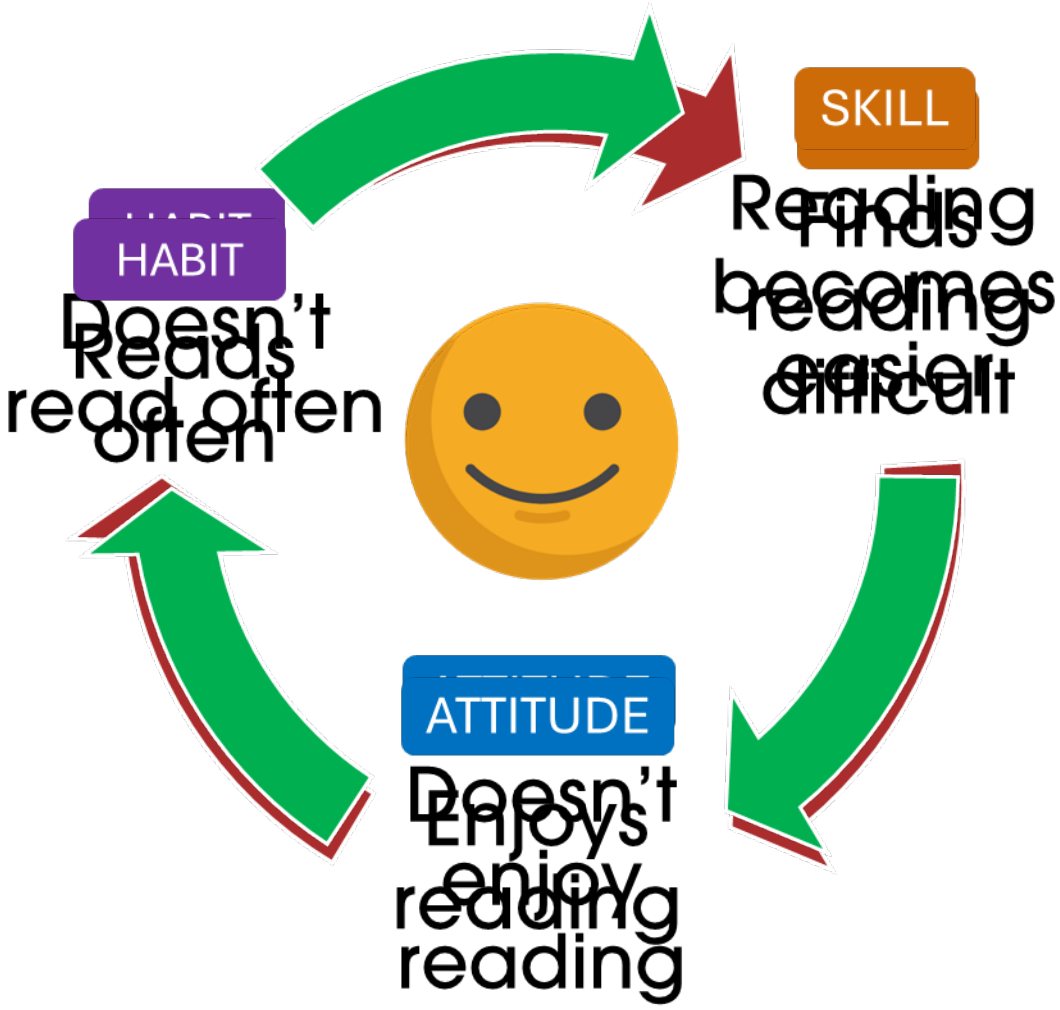


"The rich get richer and the poor get poorer"

	Reads at home for…	By the end of Year 7 has read…	In end-of-year assessment, scores…
Pupil A	 1 min per day	8000 words	Lowest 10% of the class
Pupil B	 20 mins per day	1,800,000 words	Top 10% of the class

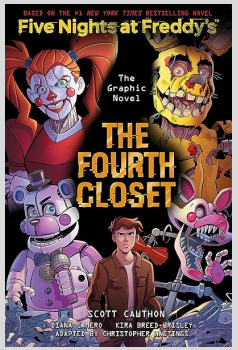
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Breaking the Cycle



Video Games

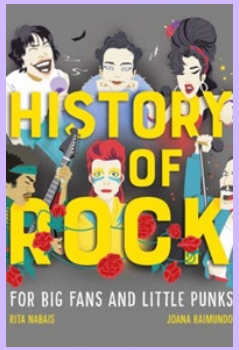


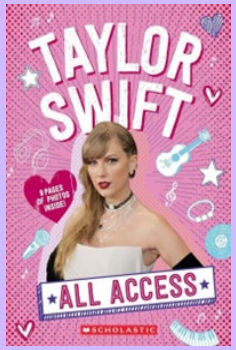




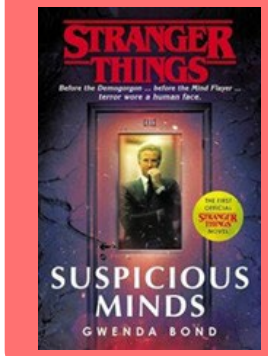
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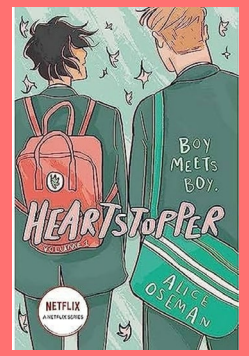






TV / Film

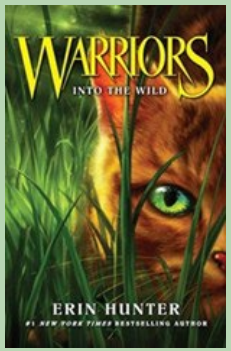






Find Books that Interest Your Child

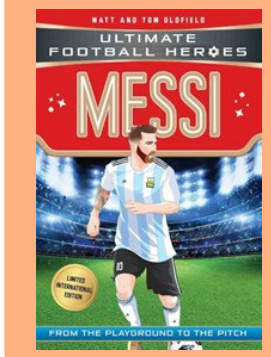
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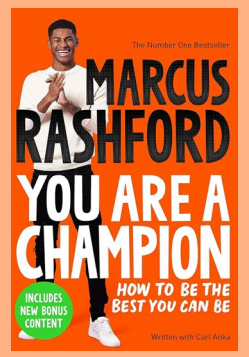


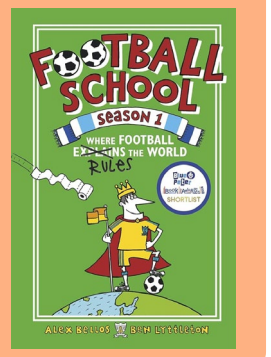




Football

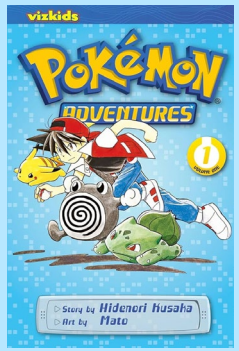


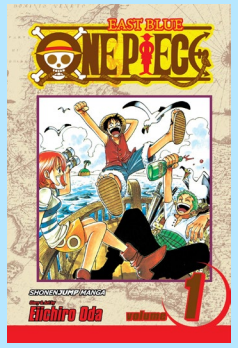




Anime







Top 10 Tips for Supporting Reading at Home



Establish a reading routine with a consistent time where your child will read. (After dinner, before bed, etc.)



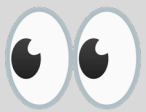
Consider introducing a tech curfew. All gadgets off an hour before bed. This way reading isn't in competition with screen time.



Share a story together. We connect with reading more deeply when we're able to share it with someone. Discuss the book together, take turns reading aloud, and help your child with any tricky words. You'll be itching to read the next instalment together!



Lead by example – be seen reading! If your child sees ***you*** reading, they're more likely to do it themselves. Set aside 15 minutes for the whole family to read books together.



Provide a distraction-free environment. If home is too busy / noisy, remember there's always the school or public library.

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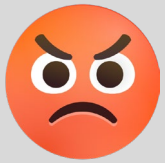
Allow choice. Let your child read what ***they*** want to read – not what ***you*** think they should be reading.



Encourage your child to try comics, graphic novels, manga and dyslexia-friendly books. They're a great stepping stone to full-length novels, and create a sense of achievement.



Take advantage of our school's eLibrary, Sora. There's over 6,400 ebooks, audiobooks and magazines to read online or via the app!



Don't make reading a punishment. Frame reading in a positive light and offer encouragement when your child engages with it.



Encourage your child to complete their Sparx Homework. 20 mins of focused reading a week – that's less than 5 minutes a day!

How School Can Support

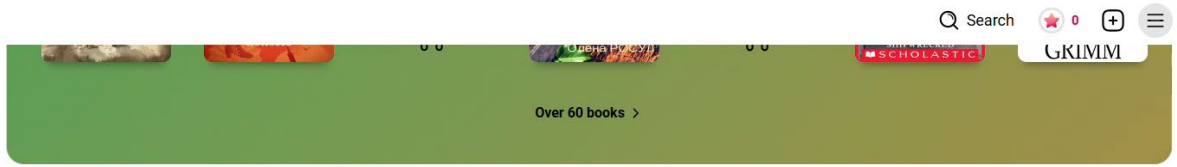
The Library

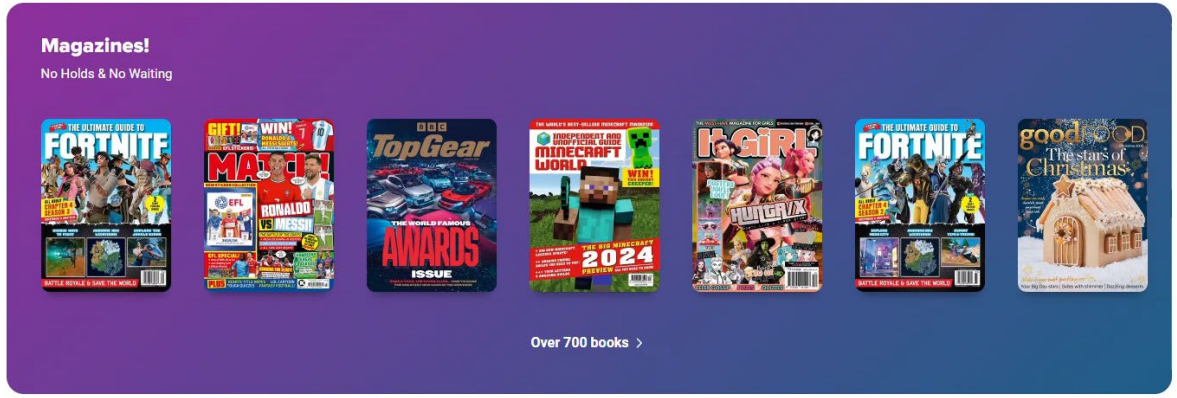
- Over **4000 books**, including novels, non-fiction, comics and manga
- Dedicated fortnightly **library lessons** in Year 7 and Year 8
- Open **before** and **after school**
- **Laptops** for homework, studying and accessing Sora
- **Clubs and co-curricular activities** linked to reading
- **Student librarian programme**

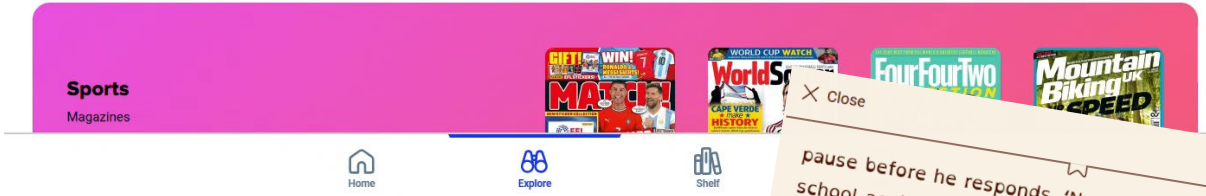


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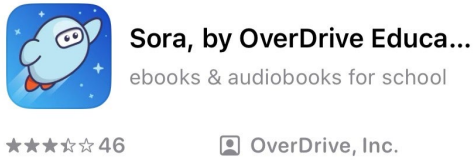
- Over **6,400** resources
- **Audiobooks** and **magazines**
- **Set reading goals** and earn achievements
- Available on **phone**, **tablet** or **computer** via website or app



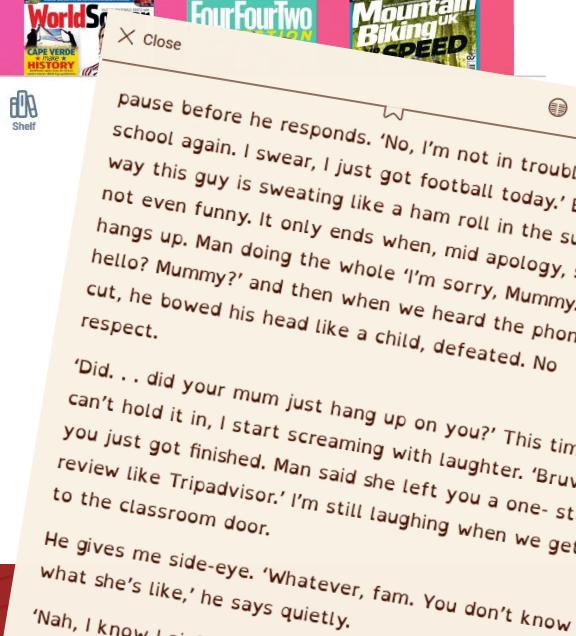




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Reading Intervention

Phonics Support

1:1 or small group support focused on **securing phonics sounds** and **the ability to accurately decode** words.

Fluency Support

Small group intervention focused on **improving accuracy**, **automaticity** and **expression** for pupils who are secure in phonics but aren't yet fluent readers.

Vocabulary Support

Small group sessions on computers using Bedrock Learning and/or Lexia to build vocabulary and develop comprehension.

Reading interventions are put in place for identified children based on reading assessment data and teacher feedback as part of our 'Targeted' SEN provision.

Promoting Reading Across School

- Dedicated **Reading for Pleasure lessons in English** where pupils enjoy a novel together.
- A **free book for every Year 7 pupil** through the BookBuzz programme
- **Trips to bookshops** where pupils can select new library stock
- **Author visits** and book signings
- Our school book award, the **HCS Pupil Choice Award**



To Summarise…



Children who read regularly do better in school and are more likely to be successful in later life.

We are committed to supporting all pupils to become skilled readers, **but support from home will be crucial in achieving this.**



Our school library is here to support your child, and our librarian, Mr Owens, is always happy to give advice and support.



Sparx Reader

Please support school by encouraging your child to **read at home** and **complete their Sparx Reader homework.**

20 minutes of reading a day is the golden target, but **<u>it may take time to build up to this</u>**. Start out slow and celebrate success. 5 minutes of reading a day is all it takes to get started!

