



ENCOURAGING READING AT HOME

It can be difficult to get children excited about reading. With reading being beneficial to children's academic, emotional and mental development, here are five steps which we believe can assist in creating a reading culture in your home! Good luck and enjoy!



Relationships: Reading is a brilliant way to develop relationships. Make time to read together. Discuss what you have read, and celebrate reading! Consider listening to audiobooks as a family; encourage reading to a sibling, and promote the rich conversations which you have about books. Enthusiasm around reading is vital. Children who enjoy reading are statistically much stronger readers!



Children now receive the majority of their reading from gaming and social media messages. Encourage the turning off of devices and the TV, and make time for reading. Remember, twenty minutes a night is all it takes to maximise academic progress. Set page or time targets to fit in with your home schedule. Model this behaviour, normalise this routine.



Whatever it is your child enjoys, there is bound to be a book, series or genre to keep them entertained! Research in local libraries, speak to their teachers or other parents, check bookstore websites and create a buzz about reading with your child related to topics they enjoy. Those who don't enjoy reading usually haven't found a book which appeals to their interests!



As well as reading for pleasure, we can also read for information (which can bring pleasure)! Encourage your child to read news articles, discuss the headlines and this will help improve their skills! It is also a great way for them to be informed about current events. Some children will prefer to read non-fiction books. Encourage any interests and help them find books which suit them.



Finally, encourage resilience and consistency. If your child doesn't read one night, encourage them and support them to get back into the routine. In a world filled with distractions, reading can fall down the priority list! Encourage returning to an old favourite or begin a brand new book- whatever it takes to get back on the reading journey.



"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax- all you need is a book."-

Dr Seuss





RECOMMENDED READS FOR TEENS



After discussions with parents, we feel that it would be beneficial to share some books which our young people are enjoying this term to help you with some inspiration for reading at home! Enjoy, and please let us know which books you have been enjoying for our next Recommended Reads list! A student who reads is a student who succeeds!



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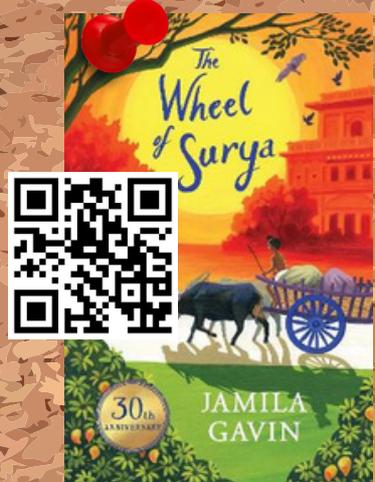
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