

Mercer's Wood Academy

Reading Newsletter Term 1

Autumn Term 1

Reading Newsletter

We kicked off the year with some amazing news

as we were awarded the silver Reading Pledge Award by

the English Hub for the culture of reading for pleasure in school.

We are very pleased to have the award and our next step is to go for gold!

Stay tuned for more news where we will be celebrating reading across the school with themed days, challenges and other exciting events.



**READING
FOR PLEASURE**

We Need

YOU

Mercer's Wood Parent Army

In order for our children to understand what they are reading they need to be able to read fluently.

Can you spare some time to come and listen to children read?

We can provide you with the training you need to help our children become awesome readers. If you can help, contact the school office.

Pupil Planners

Please ensure that your child has their planner in school everyday.

If they read with an adult, it will be recorded in their planner.

If you listen to your child reading at home, please make a note of this in their planner. If they read to themselves, encourage them to note down what they have read in their planner.

Coming up...



Our library is getting a refresh ready for the new year. We'll have plenty of books to choose, from a range of genres, authors and styles.

Do you have old books?

Please remember to bring them to school so they can be added to the library and you can get a new book to read!

Want to be a part of the exciting new library?

Sign up to be one of our school librarians, or check in with our reading ambassadors.

Not sure what to read next?

Ask your teachers or reading ambassadors for some great recommendations.

Take a look at the genre shelves to choose a new book that you know you will like, or even try something new!

Reading tips

For young readers

When reading a text, it's important to remember these top tips:

- Does it make sense?

Read the text back. Do you understand all of the words? Does it sound right when you read it aloud?

- Word choice

Look at how a character is speaking, is it 'said', 'whispered', or 'bellowed'? Think about how you need to change your reading voice to show this.

- Punctuation

Think about how punctuation is used. How will you change your reading for questions, exclamations or action in a text.

Adults, you can share these tips with your children to make their reading more fluent and engaging.

The big help will be when you read and re-read too.

6 Ps of fluent reading

Using these skills, you can make reading aloud a fun and engaging experience for any listener. When reading to a child, remember the 6 Ps.

- Pitch

Is the pitch of your reading high or low? Does your tone change for different characters or scenes?

- Punctuation

Read ahead and look at the punctuation you recognize. How has the writer used them and how that changes how you should read.

- Pause

Think about how long the pauses need to be in your reading. Think about why the pauses have been included.

- Passion

Can you use emotion in your voice? Are your audience excited by the reading? Include lots of expression to keep the interest high!

- Power

Is your voice loud enough? Do you need to emphasize words or make your voice quieter for effect?

- Pace

How fast do you speak? When do you need to speed up or slow down?