



Clifford Bridge
Academy

The Importance of Reading

The importance of reading for children cannot be underestimated. Reading for pleasure can benefit a child's education, social and cognitive development, their wellbeing, and their mental health.

Engaging with books allows us to be transported to other places and worlds. We can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters or learn more about the world around us.

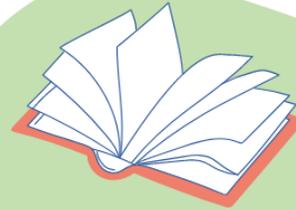
Reading is a key life skill. It is placed at the heart of our curriculum; we have carefully selected texts which will ignite children's imagination, inspire their curiosity and provide a window to the world.

The EEF states that the quality of conversations children have with adults throughout the day in a language-rich environment is crucial. By commenting on what children are interested in or echoing back what they say with new vocabulary added, children's language will be built upon.

Parents in Partnership

It is crucial for both school and parents to actively teach their child to read. We need you to create a home environment where reading is encouraged and seen as a pleasurable experience.

Spending just 10-15 minutes reading with your child every day will be invaluable in developing their ability and desire to read and learn.



Reading is the key to success...

High-quality books

We will ensure that your child has a reading book which is suitably pitched to build both confidence as a reader and fluency.

We have a wide variety of reading books both in the class libraries and in the main school library.

Children are exposed to a range of high-quality and age appropriate texts in English and Reading lessons which are carefully selected to support and challenge them.

Supporting your child

- Read at least 3 times per week with your child
- Log your child's reading in their Reading Diary, there is an example of how to do this in the front of your child's diary
- Make reading time pleasurable by finding a quiet, comfortable space and giving your child your full attention.
- Ask your child simple questions as they read to check their understanding - there are examples of these questions on the back of their band appropriate book mark
- Use positive language and praise their reading efforts
- Read to your child as part of your evening routine. This builds vocabulary, feeds imagination and can even improve sleep patterns
- Ask them about books/ stories they are reading at school (the book of the week is shared on the weekly newsletter)

School Routines

- Your child has the opportunity to change their reading book when they have finished it. The frequency of this will vary depending on the length of the book and the book band.
- Reading diaries are checked weekly and rewards are given to those who read 3 times