

14th March 2025

Dear Families,

Year 5 Reading Parent Workshop – Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 2.30pm

We would like to invite you into school to spend time reading with your child and enjoying quality time exploring the books we have available in school. Refreshments will be provided whilst we share with you how to support children with their reading enjoyment by:

- Spending time together
- Developing your child's imagination
- Introducing new words
- Expanding their knowledge of the world
- Giving them the chance to ask questions
- Helping them to relax and calm down
- Developing their love of books and reading
- Having fun together!

Reading is a fundamental skill and reading for only 20 minutes per day exposes children to over 1.8 million new words by the end of primary school.

Reading for pleasure is extremely important for children's cognitive, social and emotional development.

Reading for information improves children's academic attainment.

Children who choose to read books for pleasure and information outside of school are more likely to secure managerial or professional jobs in later life.

Having books in the home is associated with both reading enjoyment and confidence.

Children who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly.

We look forward to seeing you on the 18th and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 5 team

