

Reading at Heighington Millfield

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our Autumn term. We are excited to share with you our reading journey at Heighington Millfield and what that looks like for your child.

Our reading journey is based on developing a passion and love for reading. Our beautiful new library space is the heart of our school, and we are so excited to share an exciting variety of high-quality texts with the children and yourselves. Reading for Pleasure is planned throughout our teaching every day and the children will have many opportunities throughout the week to access the library space and explore the variety of texts available.

Alongside this, we teach using Little Wandle Revised Letters and Sounds. Children begin their reading journey learning to decode and read words phonetically through daily teacher-led inputs. As their fluency and confidence develops, children move through the Little Wandle Phonics scheme and onto their Fluency scheme. Our children will then learn specific comprehension skills through daily comprehension teaching in Key Stage 2. Later this term, we will provide dates of reading meetings which will go through the journey with you in more detail.

Alongside our teaching, your child will bring home a Reading for Pleasure book and/ or a reading book, depending on where they are learning.

Our Little Wandle Reading books are carefully planned to promote independence and confidence in reading. If your child is learning with Little Wandle Phonics, they will read their phonics book in school three times throughout the week, focusing on decoding, prosody and comprehension before they bring their book home. This enables them to share their successes with you at home and consolidate their skills and understanding.

If your child is learning through Little Wandle Fluency scheme, your child will finish reading their chapter book in school over a 2–3-week period and then bring it home to enjoy it again.

If your child is developing their comprehension, they will have access to their Reading for Pleasure class bookshelf (full of high quality, purposely chosen texts) for them to enjoy independently. The children can change this book as regularly as they wish.

Little Wandle Phonics	Little Wandle decodable book + Reading for Pleasure book to share with an adult
Little Wandle Fluency	Little Wandle Fluency chapter book + Reading for Pleasure book
Comprehension	Age-specific Reading for Pleasure book

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To support your child's reading at home, we would appreciate if you could read with your child three times weekly and sign their reading record. The reading record offers an opportunity to make comments on any misconceptions or information your child's teacher can support with in school. Reading records will be checked and signed weekly by staff and merits awarded for children reading three times in the week.

Throughout the year, we will be planning lots of opportunities to share our reading journey with you all.

Kind regards,

Mrs Brown



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