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*Loving and Learning for Life, as
Jesus taught us.*

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Dear Parents/Carers

Today, we have been celebrating World Book Day across the school. The children have enjoyed taking part in a range of book-themed activities in class and we have been blown away by the effort that children have made when entering the Extreme Reading Challenge too. Photos will be available to view on our school website shortly so please take a look – they are fantastic!

Since we introduced the Home Reading Challenge and Reading Passports (reading 3+ times per week at home), we have been amazed by the amount of reading children have done at home and we have seen a huge impact on their schoolwork as a result.

However, we have noticed that a number of children in each class still aren't reading enough (or at all) at home. We are worried that they are not having the same opportunities to develop as their peers. We would like to share with you some research findings which will help you to understand why as a school, we are promoting reading at home and reading for pleasure so much.

Benefits of reading for pleasure



based upon the findings reported in
Literature Review: The Impact of Reading for
Pleasure and Empowerment, The Reading
Agency, 2013

PERSONAL OUTCOMES

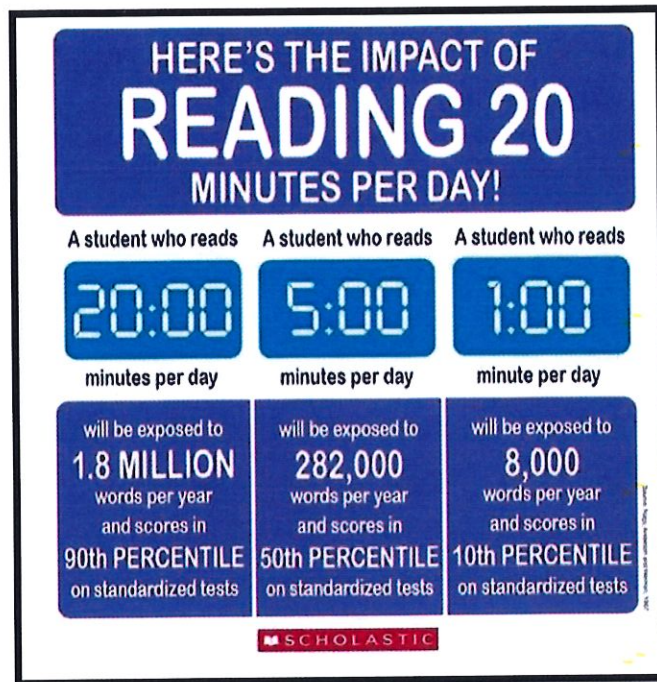
Escapism
Enjoyment
Focus and Flow
Knowledge of self
Creativity and imagination
Relaxation
Emotional Intelligence

SOCIAL OUTCOMES

Empathy
Relatedness
Parent/child communication
Reduced depressive symptoms
Self expression
Communication skills
Social and cultural capital

EXTERNAL OUTCOMES

Attainment (across curriculum)
Knowledge of other cultures
Motivation to learn



If your child is reading lots already at home, we hope that you are seeing some of the benefits listed above. If your child needs to read more, we are looking forward to noticing an improvement in their reading scores and their class reading scores very soon.

If you need any further advice or support, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

Many thanks,
Mr Babbage
Acting Head Teacher

