

Reading at Uplands

Coffee morning Thursday 11th
January

Reading at home:

1. Exposure to Diverse Vocabulary: Reading at home exposes children to a wide range of vocabulary beyond what they encounter in everyday conversations.
2. Improving Concentration and Focus: Reading at home requires children to sit down, concentrate, and focus on the task at hand.
3. Strengthening Cognitive Skills: Reading is a cognitive exercise that stimulates various mental processes, including memory, problem-solving, and critical thinking.
4. Enhancing Imagination and Creativity: Reading at home exposes children to imaginative worlds, diverse characters, and creative storylines.
5. Cultivating a Lifelong Love of Learning: Reading at home fosters a positive attitude toward learning and discovery. When children associate reading with enjoyment and intellectual curiosity, they are more likely to develop a lifelong love of learning.

In conclusion, reading at home plays a vital role in the growth of children's ability to read by exposing them to diverse vocabulary, improving concentration and cognitive skills, enhancing imagination and creativity, and cultivating a lifelong passion for learning.



The Parts of a Parent Reader

A Smart Mind,
to understand
the importance of
reading
with their child daily.

Eyes,
for seeing their child
and showing how
engaged they are.

Ears,
to listen to
their child's
questions.

A Mouth,
for reading books
to their child,
20 minutes
every day.

A heart,
to love and
desire a good
education for
their child.

Hands,
for hugging
their child
close while
reading a
favorite
book.

Books,
to share every day
with their child
to build their
language and
literacy.

Feet,
for walking to the
library each week to
discover new books.

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." – Walt Disney

- 1. Make books a part of family life** – Always have books around at home. That way you and your children are ready to get reading, even if it's only for ten minutes.
- 2. Read about something they're interested in** – Help your child find the right book for them. It doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
- 3. All reading is good** – Don't rule out non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines or leaflets. Reading is reading and it's all worthwhile.
- 4. Get comfortable!** – Snuggle up together somewhere warm and cosy, whether it's in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa. And make sure your child has somewhere comfy to read on their own too.
- 5. Ask questions** – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with 'Where did we get to last time?', 'Can you remember what's happened so far?' and 'What do you think will happen next?'.
- 6. Read whenever you get the chance** – Have a book or magazine with you for any time your child has to wait, like at the doctor's or the dentist.
- 7. Read favourites again and again** – Encourage your child to re-read the books and poems they love. Re-reading helps to build fluency and confidence.
- 8. Enjoy bedtime stories** – Read with your children at bedtime as often as you can. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with them.
- 9. Make the most of rhyme and repetition** – Books and poems with rhymes and repeated words or phrases are great for getting your kids to join in and remember the words.

MyOn and Accelerated Reader

Children should all have access to this at home through devices such as laptops or iPads. It will work on a phone but it is not the same as a large screen. If you do not have a device at home, maybe you should look at the school loan agreement (available from the office). They can then read or listen to books at home in their own time. They can also take a quiz afterwards and this will go towards their word count. MyOn has a range of books for all ages and if you have younger children at home then they can join in as well.

The image shows a composite of two screenshots from the MyOn website. The top screenshot features a young girl in a blue sweater smiling while using a tablet in a classroom setting. The bottom screenshot shows the MyOn login interface. At the top left, the 'RENAISSANCE myON' logo is visible, and at the top right, there is a 'Login' button. A purple login form is overlaid on the right side, containing a 'School Name' dropdown menu with 'Renaissance School' selected, a 'Username' input field with a 'Required' label, and a 'Password' input field with a 'Required' label. A green 'Sign In' button is located at the bottom of the form. Below the form, a 'SECURED SITE' icon is present. The background of the bottom screenshot shows a navigation bar with 'myON', 'Library', and 'Programs' tabs, and a grid of book covers under the heading 'Top Picks'.

Volunteer Readers

Are you looking to gain some experience with working with children?

Do you want to give back to the local community?

We are looking for adults who are willing to come and listen to children read on a regular basis.

You will need to sign up for 6 week blocks and commit to doing it every week.



Why become a volunteer?

- 1. Personal Fulfillment:**
- 2. Community Engagement:**
- 3. Skill Development:**
- 4. Positive Impact on Children:**
- 5. Social Connection:**

The local library
 Weekly homework club for children.
 Access to free books 6 days a week.
 No fines for books not returned on time for children.

Why the Library Matters:

- **Diverse Book Collection:** Encourage a love for reading with our diverse range of books catering to all age groups and interests.
- **Quiet Study Spaces:** Provide your children with a peaceful environment conducive to learning and concentration.

The Highfields Library is not just a place for books; it's a community hub where your children can expand their minds and foster a lifelong love for learning.



Join our free Homework Club to make new friends, gain confidence and get help with:

- Homework in every subject
- Finding information
- Free printing
- Reading for fun
- Games and activities for learning

Your local Homework Club:
At: [Highfields Library](#)
On: **Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat**
Time: **3.30-6.00 pm** weekdays, **12.30 pm-3.00 pm** Saturdays
Phone: **0116 299 5494**

Homework Club is term-time ONLY and open to all school-age children and young people.



Opening times

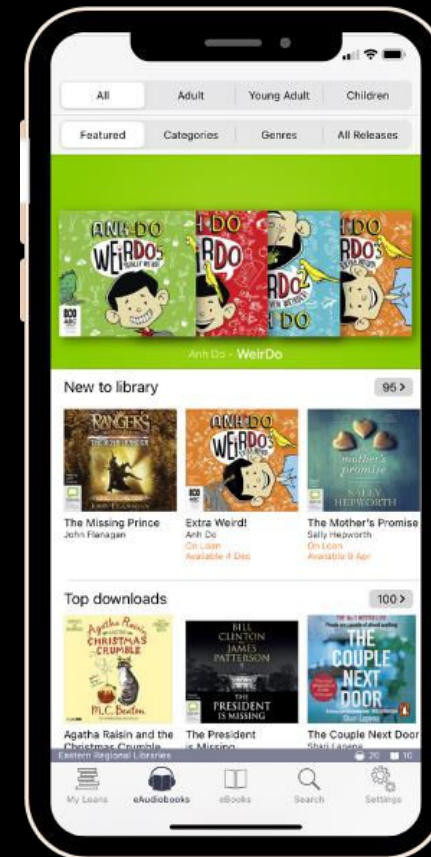
Days	Opening hours
Monday to Friday	9am - 6pm
Saturday	10am - 4pm
Sunday	Closed

BorrowBox

If you are looking for great audio and online books, beyond MyOn, to use at home, BorrowBox has a free website and app that you can use to download, borrow and share classic, popular and loveable books for Free.

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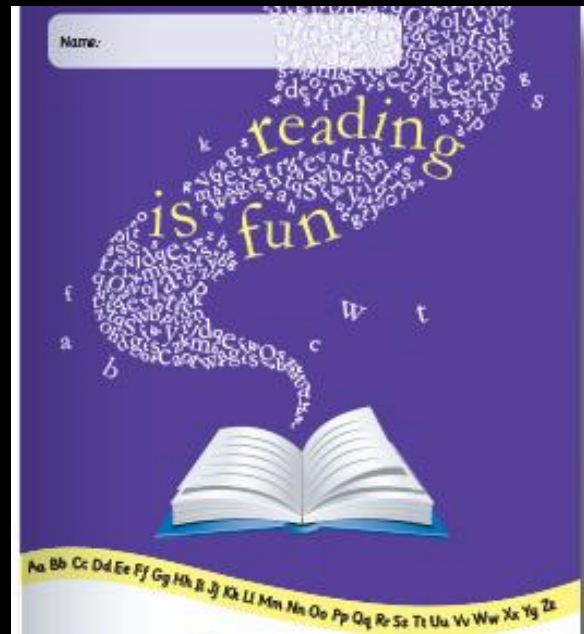
All you need is a library login, which you can get for free, by signing up online. When you get your card number and PIN, you can log in to the BorrowBox website. You may need to pre-look for books as you may have to wait for some just like the normal library.



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Recording your reading

This record should be completed every day at home by the children. The children have been shown by teachers how to fill the record out properly so all you need to do is check. Of course, parents are more than welcome to record in the book, or ask their child to write what they want, and we encourage that two-way conversation. Staff will check the reading recordings so if you feel the book is too easy or too hard then say. We are also happy for you to just sign to say you have seen them read or read with them. Teachers will also comment on the books so please look out for those messages. When the teachers check the records, which we do weekly, we are looking for 5 recordings of reading at home. This then means the child will receive a star which is added to their star chart. When they have 15 stars they will get a book prize.



Week beginning: 28th August 2023

Homework, Notes, Messages or Reminders	
Monday	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> The weekly diary starts Monday 28th August 2023 and ends Friday 26th July 2024 (w/c 25th December 2023 has been omitted) </div>
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Home signature:	School signature:

Reading Record

Date, book and the page you read to	Comments <small>Give a score out of 10 to show how much you enjoyed your reading</small>
	10
	10
	10
	10
	10

Tricky words, or new words I have learned

cord
and writing

Reading with your children

What is the story about?

Who are the main characters?

What is your favorite part of the book so far?

Can you predict what might happen next?

How would you feel if you were the main character?

What is the lesson or moral of the story?

Are there any words or phrases you didn't understand?

If you were the author, how would you end the story differently?

Which character do you relate to the most and why?

What did you learn from this book?

These questions are designed to not only assess comprehension but also to stimulate thoughtful conversations and enhance the overall reading experience for both parent and child.