



UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Reading at Uplands Manor Primary School

At Uplands Manor Primary School, reading is a top priority and a key driver for our curriculum. We recognise that the development of reading is crucial to the progress children make across the curriculum and we want to support all of our children to become confident and effective readers. This is because reading:

- ✓ Opens up the world for children, enabling them to access information
- ✓ Gives children the opportunity to explore new ideas
- ✓ Exposes children to new language and vocabulary
- ✓ Develops understanding and awareness of other people, places and ideas
- ✓ Is enjoyable!

Reading at home

- ✓ Your child will bring home a school reading book with them every day. They will also have a 'reading for pleasure' book that they have chosen from school that they would like to share and read with you.
- ✓ We expect children to read a *minimum of three times a week at home* to support their reading progress. Aim to read for between 10-20 minutes each time. This should be recorded in their reading diary (what book they have read and what pages – you can make a comment if you would like to) and they must be signed by a parent or carer.

Younger children and less confident readers need to be reading out loud to an adult who can support them with their reading. Older children might prefer to read to themselves – this is fine, but please make sure that they are doing it and can talk about what they have read.

- ✓ *Reading diaries and reading books need to be in school every day.* Books will be changed as often as possible. Teaching staff will be checking and signing reading diaries every week.

If your child does not have their reading book or diary in school, their teacher will send a slip home to you to remind you to send it in every day. This is so that they can read with your child in school.

Read as much as possible, wherever you are

As well as reading their school books, it would be fantastic if they can add to their reading by:

- Reading a library book or reading one of their own books
- Reading leaflets from days out/holidays
- Reading cookery books, shopping lists, cereal boxes, food ingredients etc
- Any other reading material they have/you can think of
- *Do you take books with you to read while waiting at the doctors, riding on a bus etc?*

Rewards in school

We want to encourage children to read as much as possible and reward them for doing so. We will therefore be doing the following:

- ✓ Creating reading charts for the children in class.
- ✓ If they have read at least three times in a week, they will get a sticker on their chart.
- ✓ If they get a sticker every week for a whole half term, they will get a reward in school and a sticker.
- ✓ They will continue to get rewards and stickers every half term that they achieve this in throughout the year.
- ✓ Any children achieving this for the whole year will be awarded with a book by school which will be presented in an awards assembly.

Please help us to excite and help your child with their reading as it is one of the most important things that they will learn to do.

If you would like some support about how to read with your child and to help them make progress, please visit the 'Reading' section on our website for some resources and guidance:

<https://uplandsmanor.sch.life/Page/Detail/reading-with-your-child>

Please watch out for upcoming phonics and reading sessions for parents in school so we can work together to get this right for our children.

Yours faithfully



A Dickinson
Head Teacher

Reading for just 20 minutes a day = 1.8 million words a year!

