



Reading for pleasure at the Goldsbrough Sicklinghall Federation.

We are committed to encouraging children to become life-long readers. We believe that it is vital that children have time to read a variety of books so they can discover new genres, series and authors they enjoy reading.

Strategies to support reading for pleasure:

Reading aloud

Having the opportunity to share, discover and enjoy a book as a class is a highlight in the school day. Children vote daily in EYFS and KS1 for their end of the day story; in KS2 for the vote half-termly from a pre-chosen shortlist compiled by teachers. Each month, children will also hear and explore books written by the class/year groups 'author of the month'.

Reading environments

We have dedicated reading areas inside and outside. Books are available for pupils to read in the reading shelter at break times and in outdoor provision. The reading areas in each classroom are designed to be comfortable and serve as a constant reminder for the children to pick up a book. Classroom libraries have a wide variety of genres and feature the author of the month books. In addition, to class libraries we have a school library.

Inspiring and celebrating reading

Books are displayed throughout school on displays, class doors and in dedicated reading spaces so children are exposed to books and can browse, choose, and read books daily.

To inspire a love of reading:

- Books are shared in Collective Worship that link to the weekly Ethos theme where appropriate.
- We encourage parents and carers to spend time reading with their child – children have access to their own online e-book Library in EYFS and KS1 and they choose 'sharing books' to take home.
- We promote books we think children might enjoy or that staff are excited about.
- We invest heavily in reading resources that children will want to read and re-read.

- We welcome reading volunteers to provide children with more opportunities to share a book with an adult.
- We celebrate events such as World Book Day and National Poetry Day as a whole school community.
- We hold book fairs, competitions and readathons.
- We enjoy author visits and plays based on famous texts.

Book talk

- We encourage book talk – each class displays their author of the month, their current class reader and teacher recommendation on their door.
- Pupils in Year 1-6 have a reading recommendation scrapbook in their classroom. All classes have reading special stars so students can recommend books to one another.
- In the school library, we have a question of the week pupils can answer, for example 'Which character would you be from a book? Why?'
- We have a reading club open to all pupils over the course of the academic year.

I Opened a Book

"I opened a *book* and in I strode.
 Now nobody can find me.
 I've left my chair, my house, my road,
 My town and my world behind me.
 I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
 I've swallowed the magic potion.
 I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
 And dived in a bottomless ocean.
 I opened a book and made some friends.
 I shared their tears and laughter
 And followed their road with its bumps and bends
 To the happily ever after.
 I finished my book and out I came.
 The cloak can no longer hide me.
 My chair and my house are just the same,
 But I have a *book* inside me."

– Julia Donaldson

Poem for Libraries

Come to a place full of wonder and light
 and sparkling stories to brighten your night;
 of tales and fables and beautiful beams
 that flash in your mind and set fire to your dreams.

Come to a place full of horror and dread,
 of demons and dragons that howl in your head;
 of terrible tigers with blood-spattered claws
 and lives that are shattered by famines and wars.

Come to a place full of dates, facts and figures
 and jokes that will have you in stitches and sniggers;
 a place you can stroll through the meadows of history,
 scaling the sides of the mountain of mystery.

Come to a place that can sate your addiction
 to rollicking rhymes and to fabulous fiction;
 a place you can travel through time at your leisure:
 a library of pages to savour and treasure.