



Reading is at the heart of everything we do at Millbrook!

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We are focusing on developing children's **fluency** and fostering a lifelong love of reading - **reading for pleasure**.

Over the last few months we have transformed our reading scheme ready for the new school year and we are excited to use our new books. Children will now bring **two new reading books** home every **Monday**. There will be a bookmark to show whether the book is:

Fully decodable - your child will be able to use phonics to read the words.

Semi decodable - your child will be able to use phonics to read most of the words.

Richer reading - your child will need some help to read more of the words.

Books will need to be returned every **Friday** so that they can be made ready for other children to take home (Covid 19).

We suggest reading the books with your child at least twice each time - once to practise reading **fluently** and a second time to **check understanding**. Then please fill in your child's **reading record** to show that they have read **3 or 4** times during the week so we can celebrate their reading achievements on Fridays.

If you would like to read other books with your child, **Purple Mash** and the **Oxford Owl** websites both have a large selection of levelled eBooks.

Some top tips!

- Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.
- Read everything out loud. Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper and magazine articles, food labels...anything that is close to hand!
- Ask your child questions as they are reading to check their understanding (see the attached sheet for ideas).

If you have any questions please email your child's teacher at their class email address.

Thank you

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