



## 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 changed our reading systems ready for the new school year and we are excited to be using lots of new books. Because of Covid children will now bring a **reading book** home on **Mondays**. Books will then need to be returned every **Friday** if **they have completed the book** so that they can be made ready for other children to take home.

We suggest reading the book with your child as well as them reading independently. 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**.

### Scheme Books

Those children reading scheme books will need to practise reading **fluently** as well as **checking understanding**. Those books will need to be brought back every **Friday**.

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.
- 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).
- Share recommendations and ask questions about what they are reading.
- When out and about read signs, adverts, menus - anything!!!

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

Thank you Mrs Tucker - Deputy Head

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