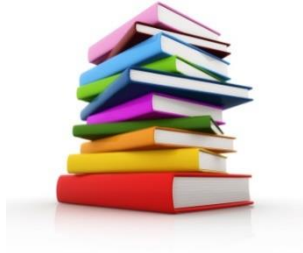


Reading at Home

At Branfil, we consider reading to be the key to your child's success. Your child's reading experience is much more than the reading book that they are given in school. Reading is happening all the time during lessons and around the school. It is taught in specific reading and English lessons, but children are practising and using their 'reading' constantly across all subjects too.



You can support this 'reading journey' through regular reading at home. **Reading to, and with, your child every evening for at least ten minutes** can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school: a report from the Oxford University Press highlighted that "children who read outside of school are **13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age**".

The report offers six tips for reading with your child at home, including:

- Making time to read every day
- Choosing different types of books
- Taking turns to read
- Talking about the book- asking your child questions
- Paying attention to the language
- Enjoying reading!

It also suggests that you can create a home environment that encourages a love of reading by:

- Reading yourself – it does not matter what it is: newspaper, magazine, cookery book, poetry, novel...
- Talking about what you are reading
- Giving books as presents
- Encouraging your child to carry a book at all times – they will never be bored!
- Having a family bookshelf or a bookshelf in your child's room
- Continuing to read aloud to older children so you enjoy books that are more complex together.

You can find more information about 'getting children reading' through the Book Trust website:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips>

If you need further help to know how to support your child with reading, please contact the class teacher via the year group email.

Havering Library Service

Our children visit Upminster library at least once each year and they are encouraged to sign up to get their own Havering Library Membership. As well as being able to go to the library and browse a huge selection of books that can be borrowed for FREE, there are also thousands of e-books your child can access for FREE over the internet from Havering Libraries. Children can borrow these e-books for 3 weeks and there aren't any fines. There is a wide variety of story books and factual books on offer to read at home, plus audio books that are read out loud.

To find out more visit:

https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20039/libraries/685/ebooks_and_audiobooks

There are also free encyclopaedias, dictionaries, art and music resources in the Virtual Library at:

https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20039/libraries/680/virtual_library



Parents and carers can join children up for free via online registration at :

<https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20039/libraries>

Storytime Videos (Islington Libraries)

Islington Library Service has recorded lots of story-time videos for children from Nursery to Year 6.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/islingtoneducationlibraryservicebookvideos>

Love Reading

It can be hard to know which books to recommend for your child to read - #BookMatch should help. If your child has enjoyed a particular author or genre of book, take a look at this link where there are book recommendations based on what your child likes: <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/bookmatch>

