

**Longton Library is a great place to go to borrow books. Tom the librarian and all of his staff will give you a very warm welcome.**

**It is easy to join and it is free too.**

**Edition 1**

**“Reading is great for everyone, and loving books is something that can start when you’re very young. We can learn about people and life from stories, poems and non-fiction, and if you read to your children regularly for fun you will definitely be helping them in so many ways.” Tony Bradman**

At Longton we value reading as a skill for life. Reading is inherent in every part of our day to day lives. Aside from the obvious need to read to be able to decode the world around us as adults, reading for pleasure is one of the greatest gifts we as humans have access to. Snuggling up to open a new book or to enjoy an old favourite for the umpteenth time is one of lives joys.

At school all of the children take part in reading activities every day through guided reading and in other subjects across the curriculum. Our homework policy outlines the reading we expect all of our children to do at home. It is an expectation that every child reads at home, that the reading is recorded in their yellow reading records and that books are changed weekly.

On the school website (on each class page) you can find the Longton Parents guide to reading. The first page of the guide asks 2 important questions:

**WHY IS READING SO IMPORTANT?**

There is lots of research evidence to suggest that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don’t, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

**WHAT DIFFERENCE COULD I MAKE AS A PARENT?**

The answer is a great deal! As parents you are by far the most important educators in a child’s life.

We hope that this guide, written by both teachers and parents will give you some inspiration on how to encourage your child to want to read for enjoyment!

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