

Coffee Morning

'Reading'

How can I help my child to read?

What books should children be reading at home?



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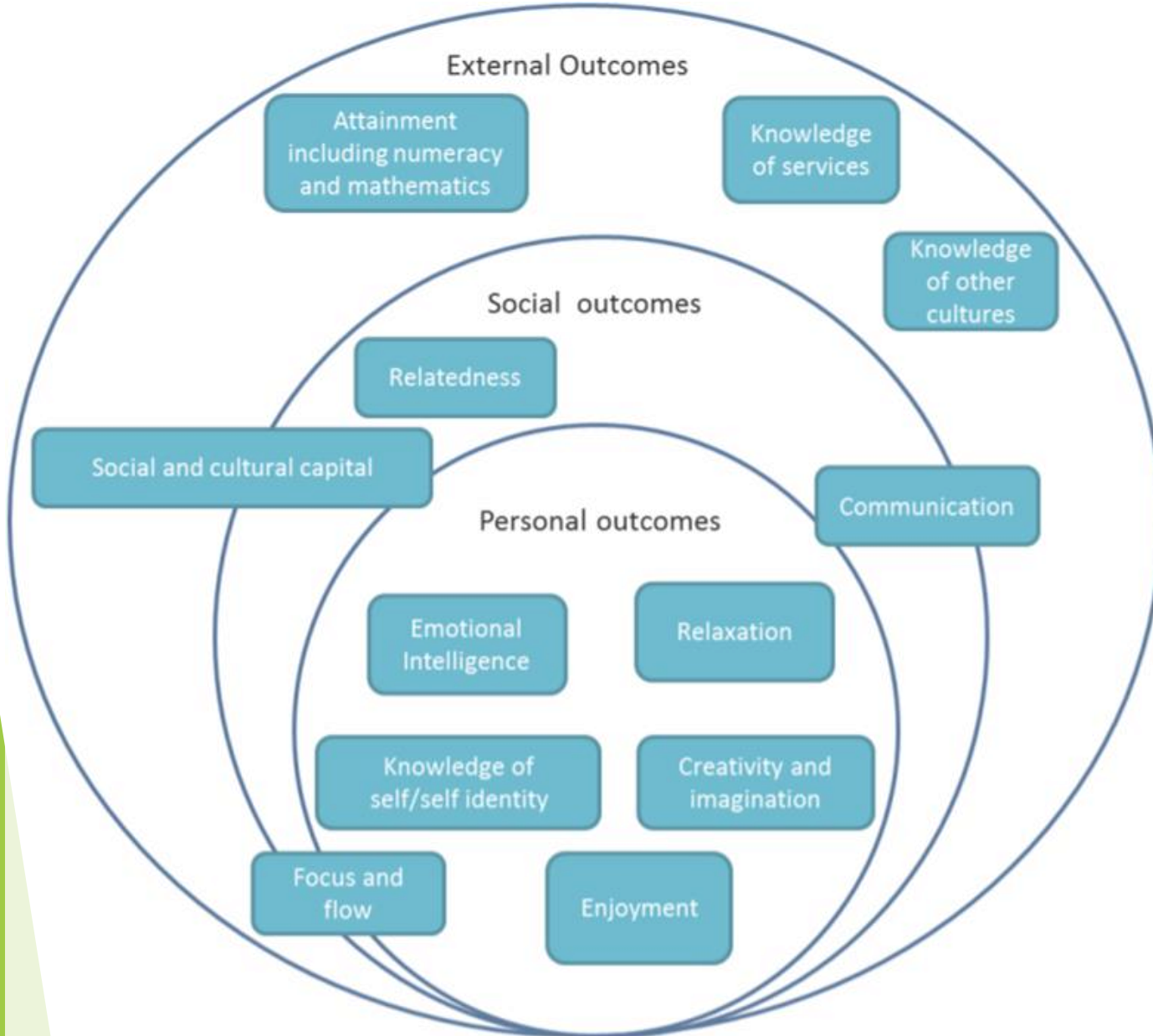
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Do you like reading?

Do you ever read at home without your child?

Do you speak about reading positively?

Why learn to love reading?



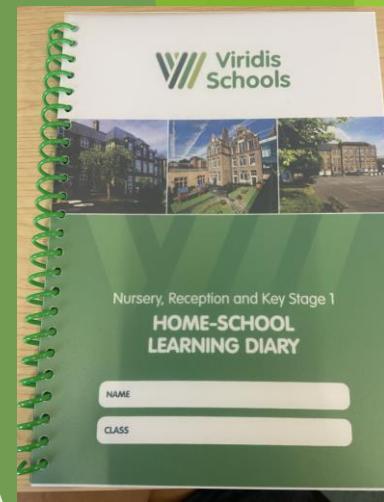
Children who read books often at age 10 gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who don't.

Those who read for pleasure have higher self-esteem and a greater ability to cope with difficult situations. They also have better sleeping patterns.

Adults who read for just 30 minutes a week are 20% more likely to report greater life satisfaction.

Home School Reading Diaries

- Promoted in school.
- Children must bring them in every day.
- Adults to read and sign: KS1 at least 3 times a week, KS2 at least once.
- Teacher/ TA sign them at least once a week.
- Comments are appreciated to let the teacher know how they are reading at home.
- There are questions and sentence starters in the front of their home/school learning diaries.
- It should not be the reason you read at home!



Book bands

Children will bring home two banded books each week.

EYFS- Year 2:
One banded book and a phonics reader.



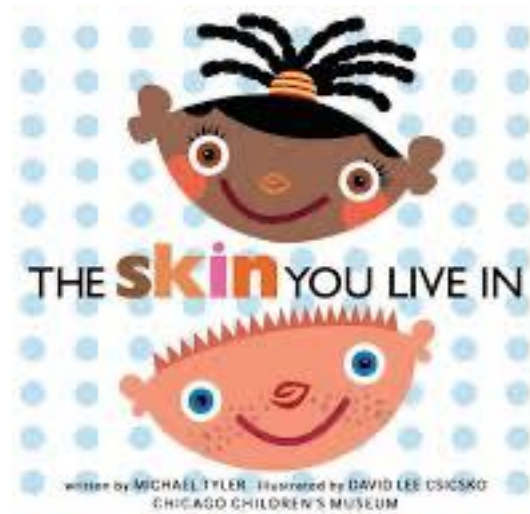
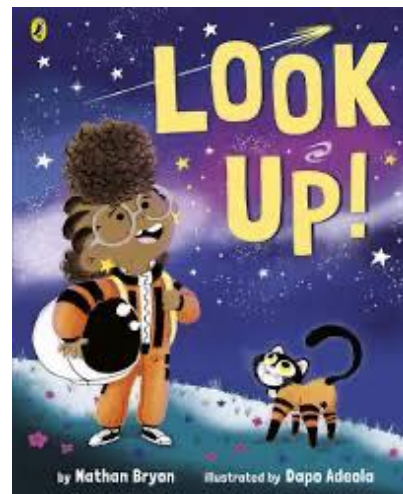
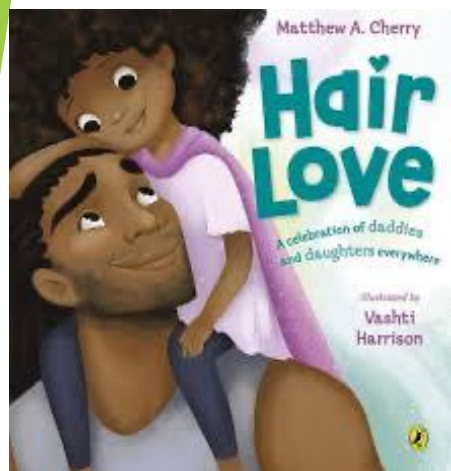
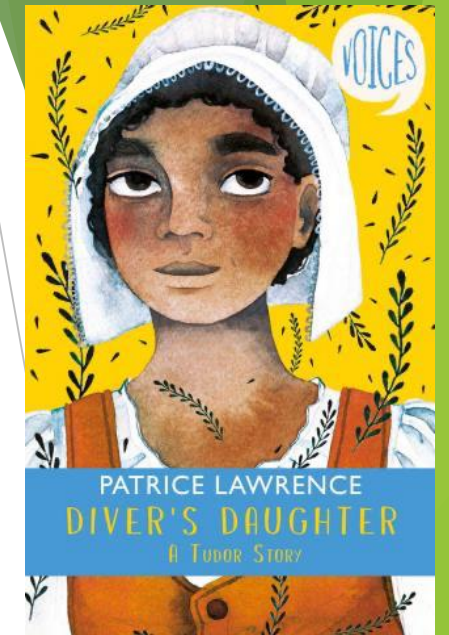
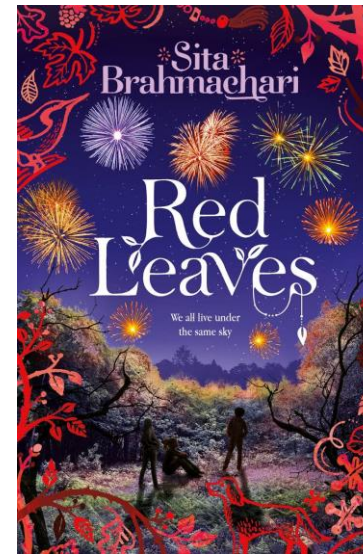
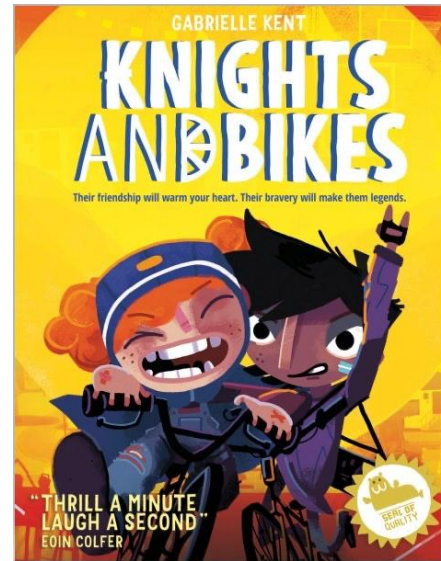
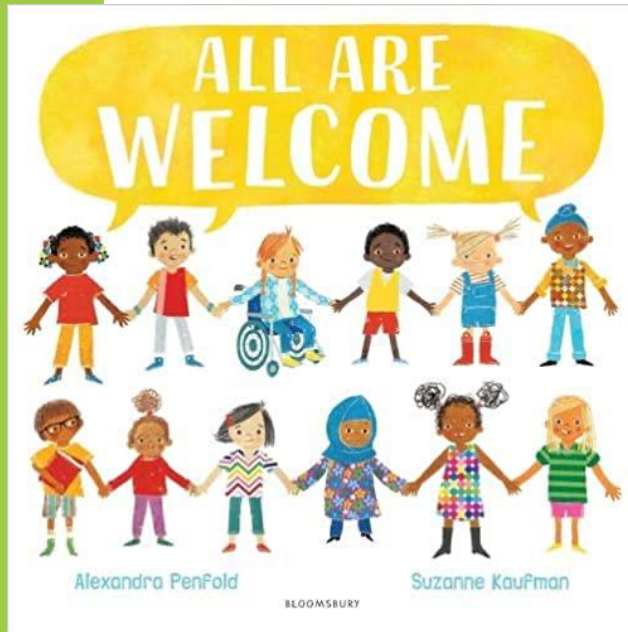
Book Band Colour	Phonic Phase	Year Group Expected
Pink (Band 1)	Phase 2	Reception
Red (Band 2)	Phase 3	
Yellow (Band 3)	Phase 3-4	
Blue (Band 4)	Phase 4-5	Year 1
Green (Band 5)	Phase 5	
Orange (Band 6)	Phase 5	
Turquoise (Band 7)	Phase 5-6	Year 2
Purple (Band 8)	Phase 5-6	
Gold (Band 9)	Phase 6	
White (Band 10)		Year 3
Lime (Band 11)		
Brown (Band 12)		
Grey (Band 13)		Year 4
Black (Band 14)		Year 5
Free Readers (15)		Year 6

How to help your child love reading

- Find books they enjoy.
- Talk about reading!
- Read without them- it could be a newspaper, comic or articles online.
- Take a trip to the library, charity shop or book shop as a treat.
- Read with your child at bedtime - it's a great way to have some 1:1 time with them and good for their bedtime routine
- Make reading a reward/joy, not a chore!
- Parent reading in KS1.
- Ask what books they have in their bag.
- Borrow from friends/relatives.
- Vary the genre, choose modern authors, E-books, audiobooks.

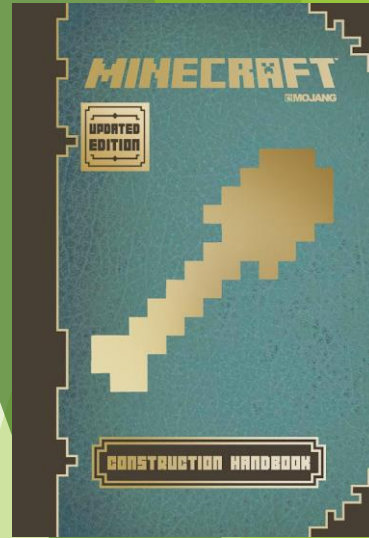


Representation matters! Children seeing characters that look like them may help spark their love for reading.



What if my child isn't enjoying reading books?

- ▶ Recipes?
- ▶ Newspaper articles?
- ▶ Instructions?
- ▶ Magazines?
- ▶ Leaflets?
- ▶ Even subtitles!
- ▶ What do they choose to do independently? i.e. there are lots of reading books about Minecraft.
- ▶ There are thousands of books about football/ by footballers.
- ▶ Can you find the autobiography of their favourite YouTuber?
- ▶ What time of day do they concentrate/relax best?
- ▶ Do they get fed up with longer texts?
- ▶ Relate the reading to your child and their experiences.
- ▶ Don't restrict them!



There are three ways to read with your child:



1) Modelled Reading:

A book that is above their reading level. You are leading the process and bringing the text to life.

2) Shared Reading

You can point out words and make meaning. You take turns. For shorter books, you may want to reread it with them.

3) Independent Reading

Ask open and closed questions about the story as they read.



While you are reading...

- Talk about what you like and don't like about the story.
- Review events from previous chapters before resuming a chapter book.
- Have fun when reading aloud- voices, expressions, actions.
- Ask them to summarise or retell what's happened when you finish a page or chapter.
- Focus on positive encouragement.
- Ask some questions!



Read regularly, aloud and together

- ▶ Incorporate it into your daily routine.
- ▶ Make it a treat.

Any questions?