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OUR VALUES				
Marshside Primary School is a partnership of pupils, parents, staff and governors who aim to encourage everyone to:				
Honesty	Empathy and tolerance	Achieve and Aspire	Respect	Thrive
Speak and act truthfully.	Live comfortably with difference where views are expressed with courtesy.	Engage in a stretching curriculum enabling full potential to be reached. A 'can do' attitude.	Demonstrate mutual respect in all relationships, in our school, local and global community.	Develop self-confidence, motivation, interdependence and personal growth....'Even better if...?'

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am so pleased to sending this letter! We will be sending reading books and library books home with your child from Friday 18th September. Our Covid safety measures mean that we will only be changing books on Fridays so that returned books can be 'hot-boxed' before returning to the central book stock. The number of books your child brings home will depend upon the stage of reading that they are up to. As parents you play a crucial role in your child's reading development. Any time spent sharing a book is extremely valuable. I have also included **Ten Top Tips** for sharing stories with your child.

1. Make reading to your child feel like a treat. Introduce each new book with excitement.
2. Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so you can both see the book.
3. Show curiosity in what you are going to read: *'Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get even angrier now'*
4. Read the whole story the first time through without stopping too much. If you think your child might not understand something, model an explanation: *'Oh I think what's happening here is that....'*
5. Chat about the story: *'I wonder why he did that?' 'Oh no! I hope she's not going to...'* *'I wouldn't have done that, would you?'*
6. Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
7. Link stories to your own experiences (e.g. *'This reminds me of...'*)
8. Read favourite stories over and over again. Get your child to join in with the bits they know.
9. Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices. Your child will love it. (Look at CBeebies bedtime stories if you want some inspiration)
10. Read with enjoyment. If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.

You are never too old to enjoy listening to a good story so don't stop reading to your child once they can read independently.

If you have any questions regarding reading contact your child's class teacher through class dojo.

As part of our library re-vamp your child will also be bringing home some books they have chosen to give a loving, forever home to. These books will have a black mark inside the cover so you know they can be kept at home.

Whatever you do- Keep reading!

Lynda McKenna





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