

Recommended Reads

Dear Parents,

As part of our current drive to emphasise the importance of reading, we would like to make some recommendations for books you may like to read aloud to your child or maybe even give as presents. The suggestions have been taken from Great Books to Read Aloud and have been suggested by the children's author, Jacqueline Wilson.

10 Reasons to read:

1. Reading aloud gives an opportunity for you to strengthen the bond between you and your child.
2. Listening to stories makes children familiar with new characters.
3. Hearing new words gives children a richer vocabulary.
4. Children can understand stories that are beyond their own reading ability
5. Listening to stories improves a child's concentration.
6. Listening to more complex stories can help extend a child's knowledge and understanding.
7. Listening to a story read aloud shows beginner readers how fluent readers read.
8. The words children hear in books give them a richer language when they begin their own writing.
9. Reading aloud allows children to interact by asking questions about the story.
10. Hearing a story read aloud allows children to connect with the experiences of others.

Stories to Read Aloud for 4-7 Year Olds

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson and Alex Scheffler
Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
Pants by Giles Andreae and Nick Sharratt
We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth
Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins
The Lighthouse Keeper's Rescue by Ronda and David Armitage
The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr
No Matter What by Debi Gliori
Hairy Maclary by Lynley Dodd
Is It Bedtime Wibbly Pig? by Mick Inkpen
The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne
Olivia by Ian Falconer
Not Now Bernard by David Mckee
The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson and Alex Scheffler
Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman
Owl Babies by Martin Waddell
Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper
Winnie the Witch by Korky Paul and Valerie Thomas
The Elephant and the Bad Baby by Elfrida Vipont and Raymond Briggs
Angry Arthur by Hiawyn Oram and Satoshi Kitamura
All Join In by Quentin Blake
There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly by Pam Adams
Dig Dig Digging by Margaret Mayo
Doing the Animal Bop by Jan Ormerod and Lindsey Gardiner