



National Year of Reading

Denmead Infant School

"Where the joy of learning begins"

What is the National Year of Reading

A national campaign to:

- * Celebrate reading
- * Encourage reading for pleasure
- * Build lifelong reading habits
- * Focus on children, families and schools working together
- * Reading is not just a school skill – it's a life skill



Why reading matters

Reading helps children to:

- * Develop language and vocabulary
- * Build confidence and independence
- * Support learning in all subjects
- * Improve concentration and imagination
- * Strengthen emotional understanding





Reading in School

At our school, children:

- * Learn phonics daily
- * Read with adults
- * Share stories, poems and rhymes
- * Explore fiction, non-fiction and picture books
- * Take part in reading events
- * Go to the library

Reading for pleasure

Reading for pleasure means:

- * Choosing books that interest your child
- * Enjoying stories together
- * Reading without pressure
- * Bedtime stories
- * Not just books – comics, magazines, signs and labels
- * Re-read favourite books again and again





How parents can help at home

You can support reading by:

- * Reading with your child everyday
- * Talk about pictures and stories
- * Let your child see you read
- * Praise effort, not just accurate
- * Keep reading relaxed and enjoyable
- * Go to the library

Supporting readers

When reading with your child:

- * Encourage them to sound out words
- * Talk about what's happening in the story
- * Ask simple questions – What do you think will happen next? How is the character feeling?
- * Don't worry if they get stuck





Reading beyond books

Reading is everywhere:

- * Shopping lists
- * Road signs
- * Recipes
- * Instructions
- * Games

How we'll celebrate the National Year of Reading

This year we will:

- * Run reading challenges
- * Have story events
- * Celebrate reading achievements





Working together

Together we can:

- * Build confident happy readers
 - Make reading a positive part of daily life
 - Help children develop a lifelong love of books



The more that you read
the more things
you will know.

The more that you learn
the more places you'll go.