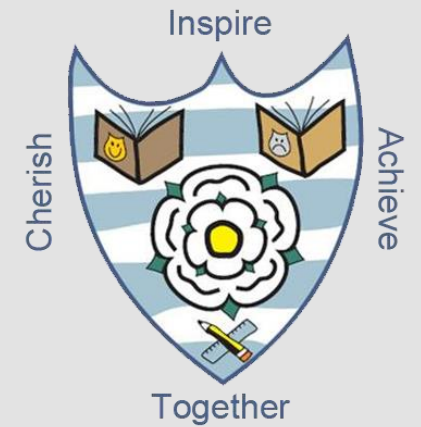


Supporting Your Child With Reading



Why is reading so important for children?

- Books help children develop vital language skills.
- Reading can open up new worlds and enrich children's lives.
- Reading can enhance children's social skills.
- Reading can improve hand-eye coordination.
- Reading is fun!



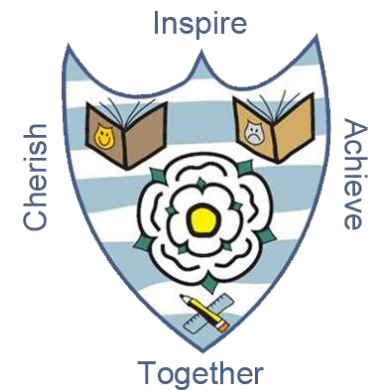
Our approach to reading at Birkwood

- Reading for pleasure;
- Shared reading of fiction, non-fiction and poetry;
- Book bands to match comprehension level;
- Objective-led Guided Reading;
- Regular reading at home recorded in reading records;
- Active Learn – Bug Club.



Other things on offer at Birkwood:

- World Book Day
- Visiting Authors
- The Reading Bus



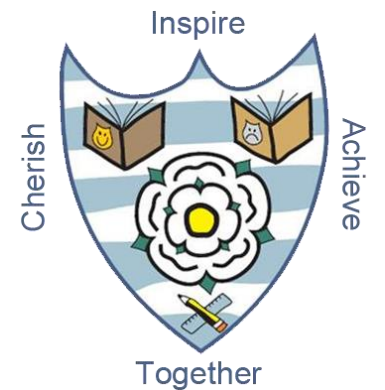
Why should you support reading at home?

- Parents, carers and families have a vital role to play in helping their children achieve their full potential. (Department for Education)
- Parents (and carers) can improve their children's academic performance by the equivalent of up to six months' schooling by reading together, singing songs and even sharing family meals. (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development)
- There is ample evidence that parents (and carers) who promote reading as a valuable and worthwhile activity have children who are motivated to read for pleasure. (Literacy Trust)



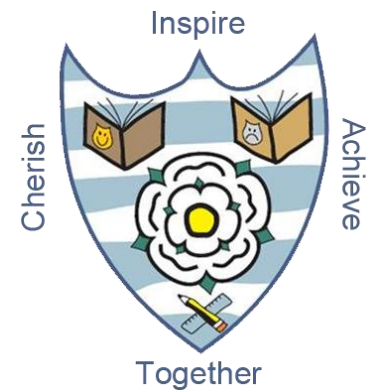
What can you do at home?

- Listen to your child read;
- Read to your child;
- Tell a story to your child;
- Make up stories using toys;
- Ask questions about what they have read/listened to;
- Visit local libraries and bookshops.



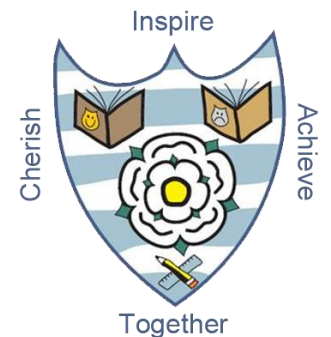
Reading Records

- Every child has a yellow reading record.
- These will be coming home with the children (with their reading books).
- Please keep an eye on how many books your child is reading.
- If you read with your child, please leave a comment in the 'Comments' box and note down which page the child reached.



Strategies to use at home

- Encourage your child to use a variety of ways to read the text;
- Talk through the book by 'reading' the pictures first and linking them to the text;
- "What might this word mean?" using the context of the rest of the sentence or page;
- Focus on the vocabulary used in the book – this supports writing and spelling;
- Have a 'home book' where you can read a trickier text to your child, no matter how old they are!



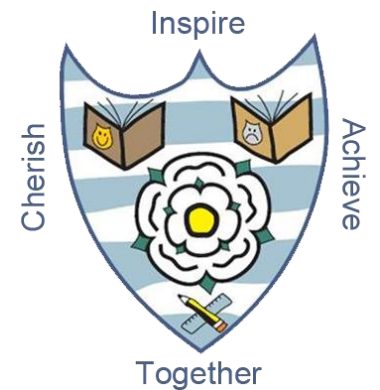
Reading Websites

- www.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools
- www.wordsforlife.org.uk/7-11
- www.booktrust.org.uk



Keep Reading Positive!

- Read little and often – everyday for 10/15 minutes;
- Praise all attempts;
- Encourage children to keep trying;
- Correct all errors in a positive way;
- Let the children see you reading. This could be a book/newspaper/ magazine/online article. Foster that love of reading!



More

The more you read,
The more you know.

The more you know,
The smarter you grow.

The smarter you grow,
The stronger your voice,
When speaking your mind
Or make your choice.

