

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

The more that you learn,
the more places you will go.

--Dr. Seuss



At the Valley we expect and encourage children to read regularly at home.

Reading Expectations

Parent / Guardian Commitment

Reading is an integral part of pupils' homework. All pupils in KS1 and KS2 pupils should read at home at least **3 TIMES WEEKLY**.

School Commitment

Pupils in KS1 read with an adult once a week and in a small group at least once a week as well as reading in literacy lessons. Additional one-to-one sessions are given to a selection of pupils identified as needing extra support in their reading.

Asking questions about a book:

- Can you point to the title? Or 'What is this?' (pointing to the title).
 - Is this book fiction (story) or non-fiction (fact)?
 - What do you think the story will be about?
 - What do we call the writing on the back of the book? (blurb)
 - What does the blurb tell us?
- What about different parts of the book e.g. front cover, title, back cover, author, illustrator and blurb.

During reading the book:

- What has happened so far?
- What might happen next? How do you think the story will end?
- What sort of character is....? Is he / she friend, mean, nice...?
- Ask about events in the story: How would you feel if you had been that character?
- If reading an information book: What facts have you read? Have you learnt anything new?

At the end of the book:

- What was your favourite part? Why?
- Can you find the most interesting / exciting part of the book?
- What happened in the story? (recap)
- Who are the main characters? What character would you like to be?
- Can you name three different pieces of punctuation in your book?