



Growing a Reader

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I am a
child of books.



I come from
a WORLD of stories

Identify: A child who can read is not necessarily a child who does read.

Benefits

Empathy

Self-identity

Helps to reduce levels of anxiety & stress

Increased levels of vocabulary & language skills

Increased maths advantage

Improved levels of concentration

Achievement

Improved life-span



OECD research shows
that:

“...reading for
pleasure is the single
most important
indicator of a
child's future
success.”



Growing a Reader – how?

- Parent as teacher
- Parent as guide
- Parent as reader



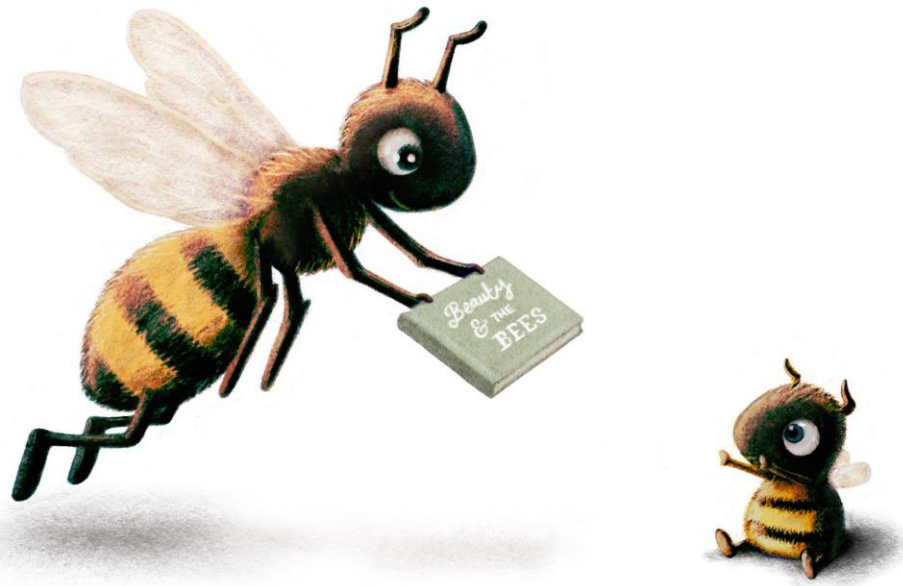
When the child is simply a listener there is no pressure and no agenda for improving reading skills. Sharing the pleasure of a story and quality time together has a profound effect on children and on their own independent reading.'

Print Matters More 2018



Reading for Pleasure

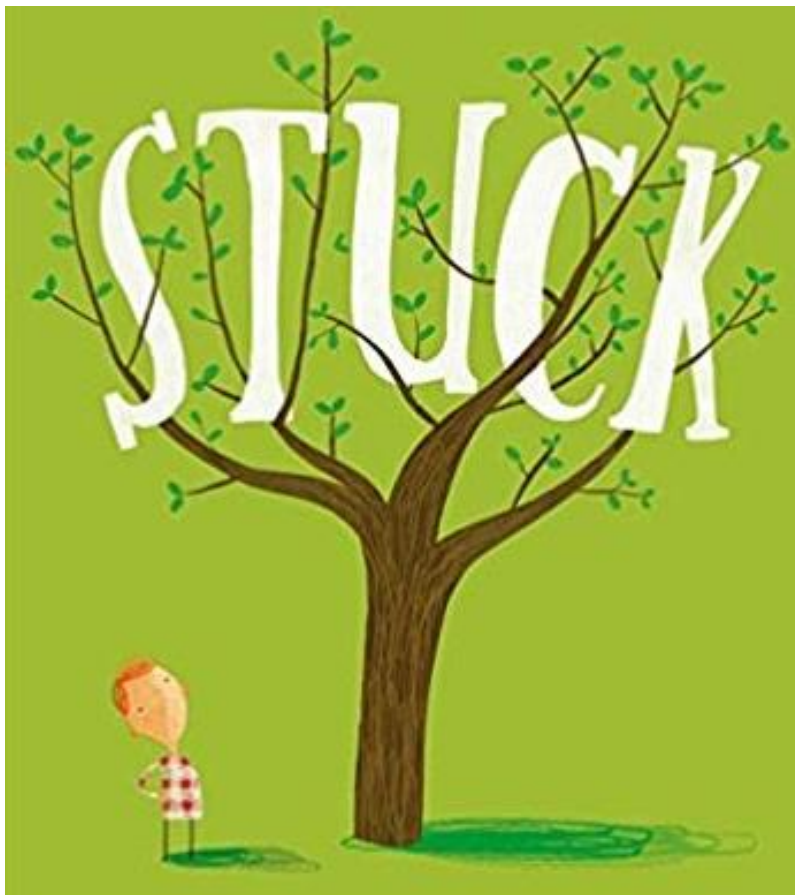
- Sadly, reading for pleasure is in decline: only 29% of 0-13s read for pleasure daily *Children's Reading for Pleasure: Trends and Challenges, Egmont, 2019*
- The number of parents sharing stories with their children is also in steep decline: only 56% of 3-4-year-olds are read to daily or nearly every day (69% in 2013)
- Fewer than 19% of 8-10-year-olds are read to daily or nearly every day (down from 25%). *Understanding the Children's Book Consumer Nielsen, 2018*



Home Reading

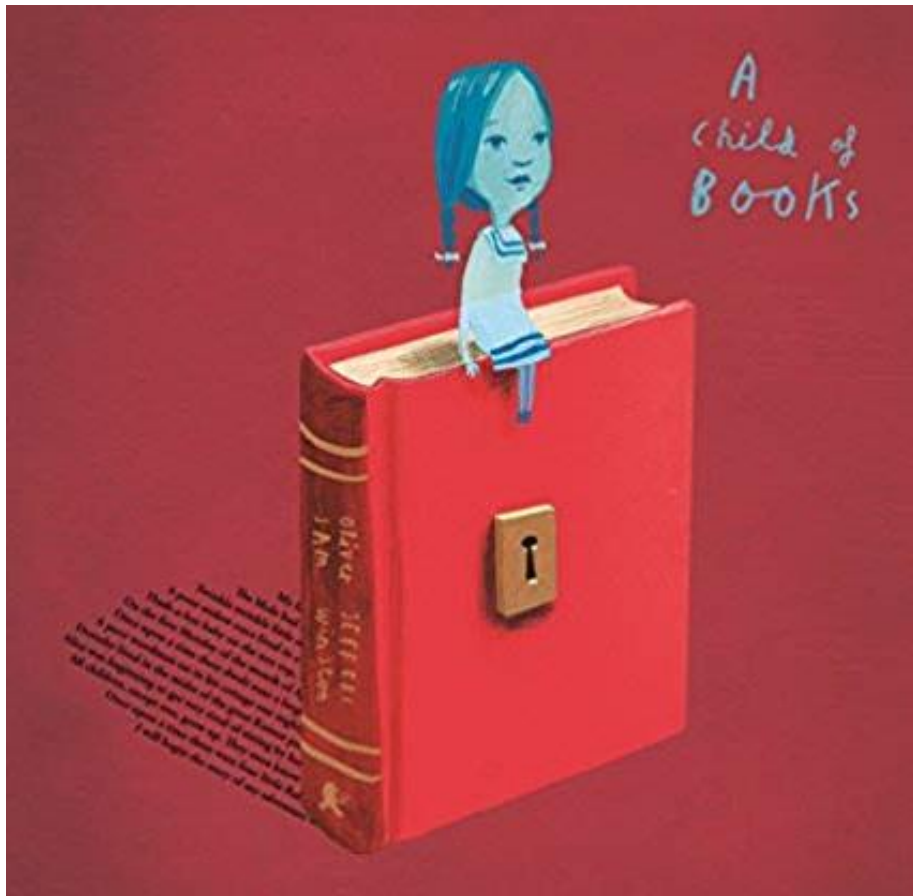
St Giles' Picture:

- EYFS – 33% of children are reading with their parents (and recording it in reading diaries) at least 5 times per week
- KS1 – 48% of children are being read with at home at least 5 times per week
- Recording in reading diaries:
 - Let's us know who needs the support in school
 - Reward systems is school to celebrate reading
 - Date and initials are all that's needed!



How can we help?

- Class teachers
- Bug Club
- Library
- Websites for recommendations:
 - World Book Day
 - Book Trust
 - Lovereading4kids
- Button & Bear Children's Bookshop
www.buttonandbear.co.uk



Make it manageable and fun!

- 10 minutes a day
- Get comfortable!
- Get into character
- Actions and props
- Take turns / choral reading
- Talk about the stories – share your thoughts



Any questions?