

Reading for Pleasure



At Black Horse Hill Infant School, we are passionate about instilling a love of literature and habitual reading. We are aware of the growing body of evidence that suggests a link between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and future success. As such, we endeavour to have a wide-ranging, up-to-date knowledge of children's books. We regularly engage our readers in "book talk" where we spontaneously talk about, but are not limited to, choosing books, authors, reading habits, genres and themes.

Informal book talk <i>is</i>...	Informal book talk <i>isn't</i>...
Social, and therefore involving pairs or groups of children	Always led by adults
Enjoyable, relaxed and spontaneous	Quiet or solitary
A chance to just chat about what's been read	Followed by comprehension questions
An activity any pupil can engage in	Formally assessed
Draws on books we have read or shared	Limited to certain types of texts or reading
Tempts children to read more and share more	

Our teachers carefully select class texts for our daily reading sessions. Each text has a clear rationale that is documented in our medium term plans. The texts we choose are wide-ranging and include fiction, non-fiction and poetry.