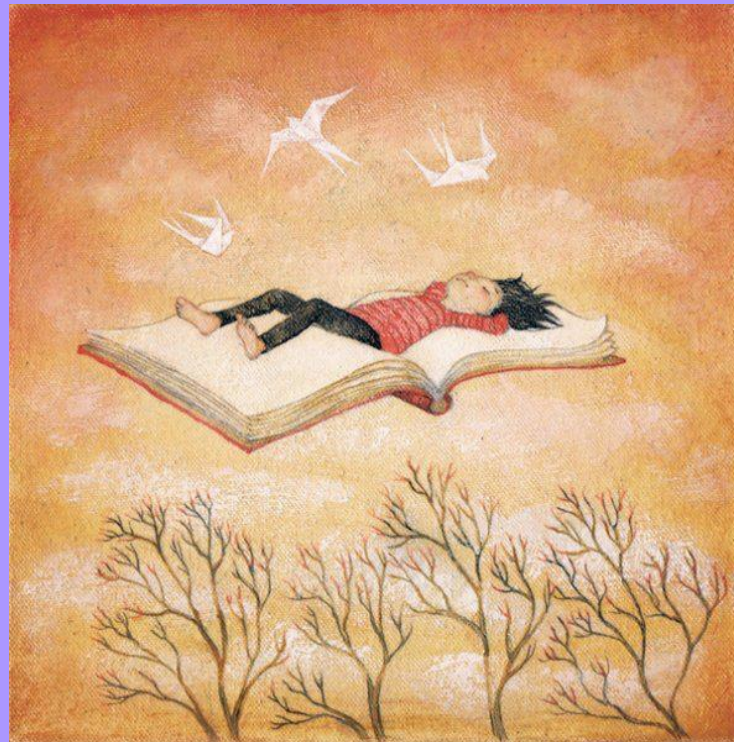


READING FOR PLEASURE AT MARTIN PRIMARY SCHOOL





“It is not enough to simply teach children to read; we have to give them something worth reading, something that will stretch their imaginations – something that will help them make sense of their own lives and encourage them to reach out towards people whose lives are quite different from their own.”

“There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.”

“A parent or teacher has only his lifetime; a good book can teach forever.”

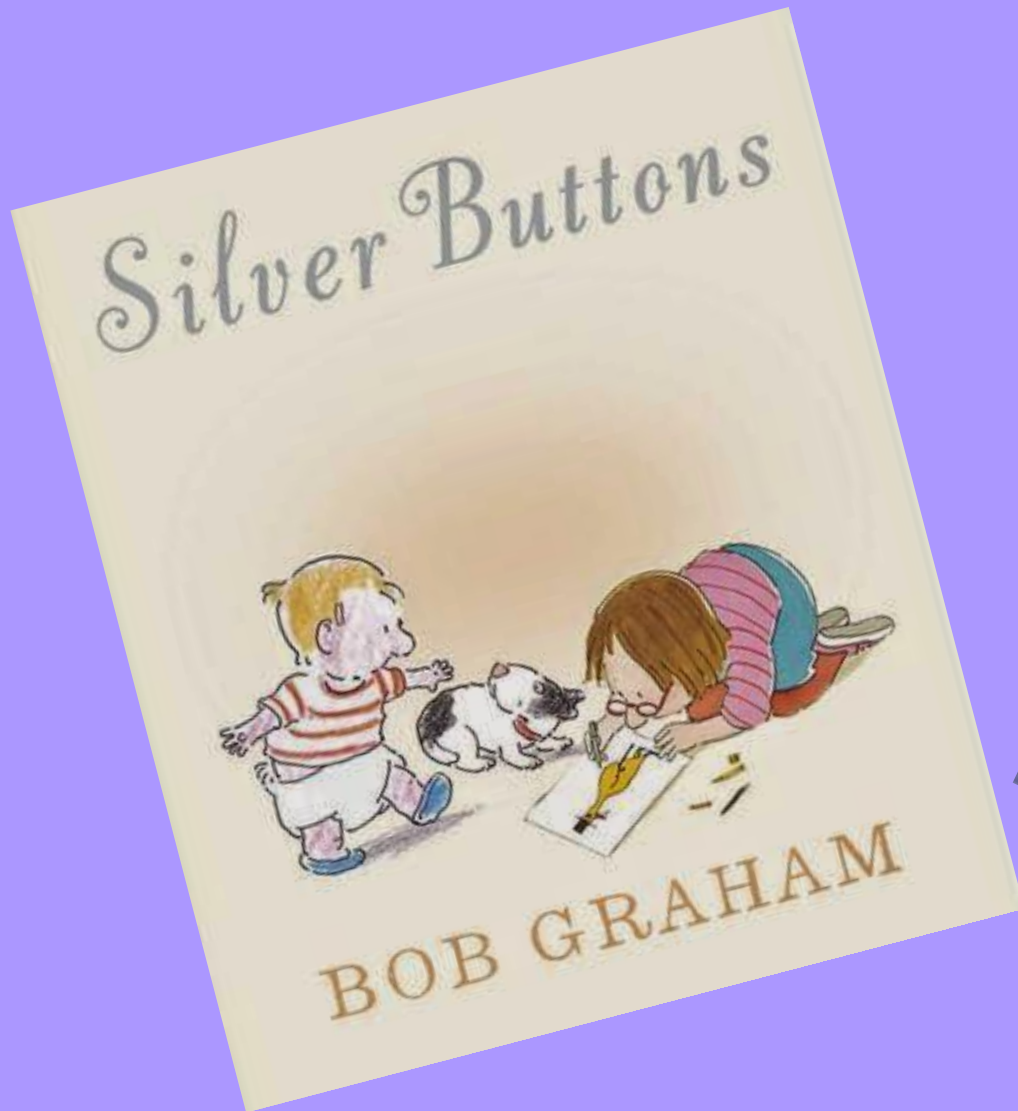
“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one.”

“There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book.”

The Benefits of Reading for Pleasure

- Reading attainment and writing ability
- Text comprehension and grammar
- Breadth of vocabulary
- Positive reading attitudes
- Greater self-confidence as a reader
- Pleasure in reading in later life
- General knowledge
- A better understanding of other cultures
- Children get “hooked on books”.

Listen and Enjoy!





Don't underestimate the power of picture books for children of all ages and abilities.

What do you think children can learn from 'The Red Tree'?

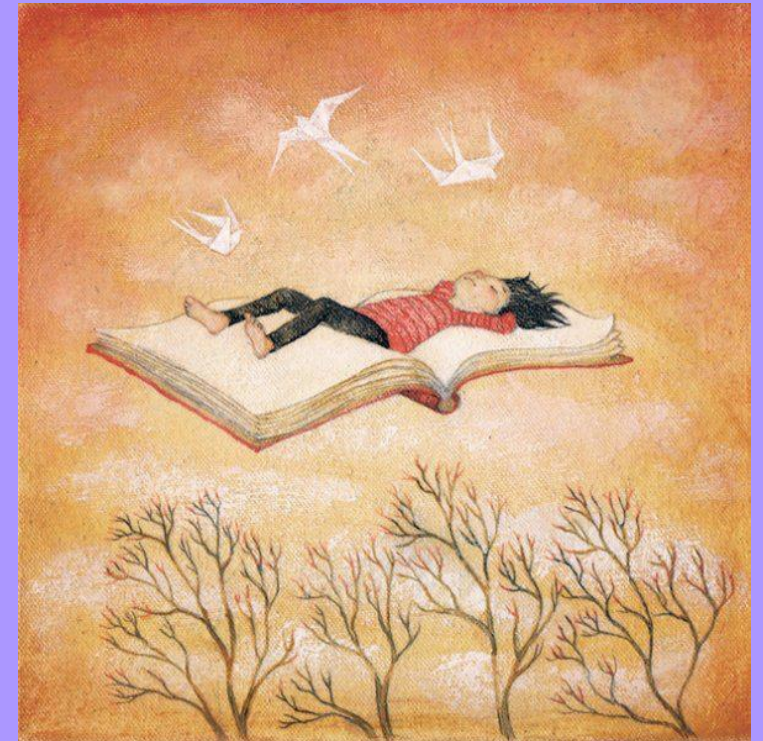
Fostering the Love of Reading

What is reading for pleasure?

Reading for pleasure refers to reading that we do of our own free will, anticipating the satisfaction that we will get from the act of reading. It also refers to reading, that having begun at someone else's request, we continue because we are interested in it.

The Reading Journey

For most children the transition to becoming a reader takes a long time. To thrive and gain confidence, children need to be successful, not struggling readers, to experience enjoyment they need to get “**lost in a book**” which involves being able to read their books with ease. Improvement is not about which book they are on but is about their attitude to reading. To demonstrate progress, they must be experienced at talking about books.





Reading for pleasure develops a love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment. It develops the habit of reading widely and often for both pleasure and information.

It helps us to appreciate our rich and varied literary heritage and “opens up a treasure house of wonder and joy for curious young minds”.

As a school we...



- Develop an ethos and an environment that excites, enthuses, inspires and values through high quality texts with depth and interest in the stories.
- Read aloud in class every day
- Visit the school library every week (EYFS / KS1)
- Visits to library during lunchtimes
- Celebrations of World Book Week / International Week
- Visiting authors / poets / storytellers
- Engage parents in EYFS
- Celebrate languages through stories (dual language books)



As parents / carers, you can:

- Establish a reading routine / special time
- Share books
- Involve siblings, grandparents etc.
- Tell stories orally
- Read stories in home language
- Visit your local library
- Be a reading role model
- Ensure that reading is a pleasure not a chore
- Share the reading

Different ways to read for pleasure



- CDs / Audio books / E-books
- Comics
- Poetry books
- Newspapers
- Play scripts
- Non-Fiction



Enjoy Reading!

Reading for pleasure =
Success at school