



At Broxbourne CE Primary, we want our children to love reading. Reading is so important and gives children access to such a wide world of information and entertainment.

We pride ourselves in working to ensure our books are interesting, engaging, challenging, representative and diverse.



There are books for all ages because the library is for everyone.  
Year 3

We believe that:

CHILDREN NEED BOOKS THAT ARE  
**MIRRORS** THAT ALLOW THEM TO SEE THEMSELVES AND THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES  
**WINDOWS** THAT THEY CAN LOOK THROUGH TO SEE OTHER WORLDS THAT THEY CAN THEN COMPARE TO THEIR OWN  
and  
**SLIDING GLASS DOORS** THAT ALLOW THEM TO ENTER OTHER WORLDS

I love reading so much that thinking of a favourite book would take forever.  
Year 2



Books are everywhere in our school!

We have well-resourced and ever-growing class libraries as well as 2 libraries available to the whole school.

Our main library houses most of our non-fiction books and our story sacks as well as a range of fiction.

I like to find books nobody knows about then share them with my friends.  
Year 6



I don't have a favourite book; I just love reading!  
Year 3



Our school librarians take their job seriously!

"I am a librarian because I like helping children find books they might not have at home."

"I make recommendations and then they sometimes tell their friends about the books I've suggested."

"We have so many books! I really like organising them for everyone to see."



**I can't wait to find out what happens in our class novel.**

**Our teacher stopped at a really exciting bit to keep us guessing.**  
**Year 4**

**My teacher reads me stories. They're sometimes funny.**  
**EY2**

We are so lucky to have supportive families and a school community who also love reading.

Many people donate us Birthday Books or buy us presents of books off our school wishlist so we have new books to discover regularly.



**"READING IS A PASSPORT TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES."**  
**-MARY POPE OSBORNE**



**Reading can expand your imagination and help you understand the world.**  
**Year 5**





The **more** that you read, the **more** things you will know. The **more** that you learn, the **more** places you'll go.

**Dr. Seuss**

Our volunteer helpers really promote a love of reading. They encourage children to enjoy the books they are sharing and help them to get better at reading.



**We read lots of stories. I liked the story about Rama and Sita. We acted it on the stage.**

**EY2**

**I read some great books in the Summer Reading Challenge and have told my friends to read them too.**

**Year 6**

**The best thing about reading is learning new things.**

**Year 4**

**I like books where I can lift the flap and things pop up.**

**EY2**

Teachers and Teaching Assistants love reading to their classes.

Hearing stories is important for children's learning and is also really fun!

**Reading is relaxing unless you choose such a gripping book you can't put it down.**

**Year 5**

We encourage children to get books from everywhere! Children can borrow books from school; get them from local libraries or bring them in from home.



I read a real range of books.  
I'm really into graphic  
novels at the moment.

Year 6

We take part in the local library  
challenge every summer and  
welcome visits from the librarians  
to talk to classes or the whole  
school in assembly.

There's a good variety in  
the school library because  
there are so many topics.  
You can read about  
religion, football and  
adventure.

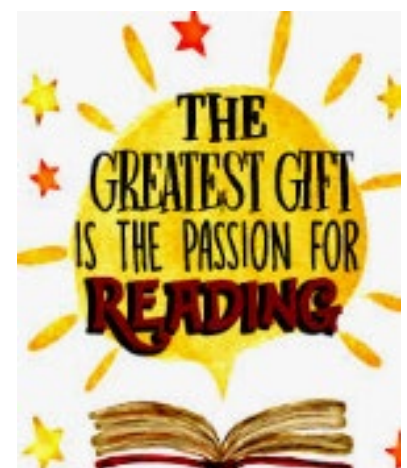
Year 4



I love to find some  
peace and quiet  
and enjoy a book.

Year 2

We don't just promote reading books. Magazines, web  
pages, newspaper articles and recipes are all great  
ways of getting reading into our days.  
We also encourage listening to audiobooks and  
listening to others read.







Often, we all want to read the same book because it's so good. We take turns then talk about it together when we've all read it.

Year 4



I love reading at home. Daddy does great voices.

Year 1

Our wraparound care has comfy sofas and a bookshelf so if children want to curl up with a good book, they can relax and enjoy a story.

I usually prefer stories but I also like animal fact books and recipe books.

Year 4



I like being able to read something that people in History or in other countries have read. It feels like I'm sharing something with someone I've never met.

Year 4



Our PTA are brilliant and usually give every child a book as a present for Christmas.

We also have plenty of books available at gift sales and fêtes.





We read The Gingerbread Man.  
He ran away very fast.  
EY1

Each year, we celebrate World Book Day.

During this week, we love to hear 'The Book Bell'. If we hear this, we drop whatever we're doing and get to read our books. Even the adults join in.

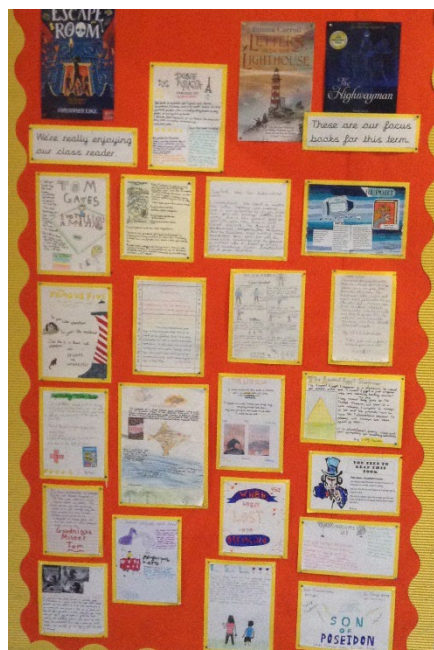
I like playing stories.  
I was being Goldilocks.  
Daddy bear was grumpy.  
EY1

I read with my grown ups. I like story books best. My favourite is The Gruffalo.  
Year 1

We love to invite visitors in to school to discuss books and reading.

Author visits can be really inspiring.

Sometimes, we also listen to author talks online.



I didn't like reading when I was younger but then I tried reading different books.  
My sister recommended books she thought I'd like; I go to the library and I asked my friends what they thought I'd like.  
Now, I really enjoy books.  
Year 4

**READING**  
is to the  
**MIND**  
what  
exercise  
is to the **BODY.**