

At Mount Charles School we love reading and promote a reading culture.

We want the children to enjoy discovering where a book can take them! We believe that reading is the key to unlocking learning in all subjects and encourage daily reading at home as well as in the classroom.

KS1

We have a wide variety of reading books for the children to read, all closely matched to the children's decoding ability. All books are colour banded in levels. In addition to this, we have home readers for children in the earliest stages of learning phonics in our Read, Write, Inc. lessons, which complement the learning taking place in school. Children begin to take books home in Reception as soon as they are blending independently. We encourage children to read at home daily – we believe that little and often is the best diet for developing independence in reading.

Children have a range of interesting and exciting books available to them in their classrooms in Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, including books related to their Cornerstones topics and English learning journeys.

KS2

Children read daily and each class in KS2 enjoy a class novel. These are displayed outside classrooms. A variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry are taught across the school in English lessons.

In Key Stage 2 the children's reading level (ZPD) is given to them after an online test on Accelerated Reader. They then go to the library where all books are in a clearly labelled system. The children can choose a book within their ZPD numbers. After finishing a book the children take a multiple choice quiz. Our target is for the children to reach at least 85% on each quiz.

Children are given a new ZPD each half term.

Struggling readers are identified early and placed on intervention programmes (including RWI phonics, 1:1 reading and Project X Code guided reading).

Below are links to lists of recommended reads for all year groups. There are a mixture of classic and modern tales and they are by no means exhaustive lists – if you would like to recommend a book, or have shared a good story with your child, then let your class teacher know and we can add this to the list.

Obviously, you know your children best and we recommend that you check that you feel the book is suitable for your child. (Often Amazon and iBook let you read a sample before buying.)

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/d19210dcrkejqd1/AACVCk7xQfshVWDnQCq0f4lea?dl=0>

Following this is a sheet with a few tips on how to enjoy books at home and some examples of questions that you might like to ask when reading. Try to ask a range of comprehension questions, and challenge your child by asking inference and deduction style questions.