



GRENVILLE
PRIMARY



READING

Children are reading less as their lives become more crowded with other activities, new research by the Literacy Trust suggests.

21,000 children were involved in this [recent](#) research that arrived at some [very](#) worrying findings.

22% of children do not read regularly, 54% would prefer to watch TV than read
Only 1 in 3 do read everyday

The research established that children who read outside of their class were 13 times more likely to read above that expected of their age.

We want all our children at Grenville to be the ones that read well above that expected of their age because we all know that being able to read well enables children to learn so much more and has a strong link with academic achievement.

In school we will be giving the children opportunities to read everyday and let them take part in structured reading sessions at least 3 times a week. We know you are busy but it is essential that you find time to read with your child as much as possible, everyday is good. If your child is older and can read then talking to them about their book choices or taking them to the library is good. You are more than welcome to come into school, before school or at home time, and read in the library with your child. A dedicated band of parents do this already after school on a Tuesday so come along and join them or pick another time that suits your commitments. All the children's reading books are available in the library so come in and choose a new book.

We agree wholeheartedly with Jonathan Douglas, Director of the National Literacy Trust, when they say "We need to make reading irresistible. We want to call on families and professionals working with children and young people to make ten minutes in their day for reading"

When you think of all the benefits being able to read brings someone 10 minutes a day isn't very much

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