



### What is Reading for Pleasure?

We can define reading for pleasure as the desire to read in order to gain a sense of peace, calm and tranquillity. Conversely, it can also be defined as the desire to read in order to feel excitement, adrenaline and curiosity. That is to say that reading for pleasure can be defined in innumerable terms but predominantly as finding enjoyment from reading a book.

### When does Reading for Pleasure take place?

At the end of each school day, children have the opportunity to take part in Dream Time. During this, the children can escape into the world of a book. The teacher will read to the children, using elements of drama and theatrics to engage readers. The books that have been selected will be the Guided Reading and Class Novels. This is due in part to children wishing to complete stories that they have found engaging during lessons, but would not have to time to complete due to the volume of the book. This was found during the ENSURE project conducted by Miss O'Neil in January 2022. Furthermore, this allows pupils to view books from many angles. Whilst working on these texts in Guided Reading and English, they can be analytical and critical of the prose. Whereas, when reading these texts in Dream Time, they can simply engage in the world build, character development and plot.

This is not to say that Dream Time is the only way in which reading for pleasure is promoted in school. We also take half termly trips to the local library to read and select a book. Parents come into school in the form of guest readers to read to classes. Teachers periodically move around classes to read to different children once a half term. A conscious effort has been made to decorate school with inspiring quotes from children's literature. Each term a visiting author or literary workshop visits school, such as Adam Bushnell, The Shakespeare Company and Laura Maclennan.

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## What does reading for pleasure look like?

There is no expectation that children will complete any written work based on their reading for pleasure. If a particularly interesting activity has taken place, such as a visiting author, then pictures will be taken for the Memory Journals. This allows children to recall the awe-inspiring activities that have happened throughout the year.