

**Reading  
for  
Pleasure**

# What Are the Benefits of Reading for Pleasure?

**Reading is wonderful and we want to create readers for life.**

**Children who enjoy reading are more likely to score well on reading assessments.**

**Research shows that reading for pleasure is a more important determinant of children's educational success than their family's socio-economic status.**

**It has a positive impact on children's writing.**

# What can stop a child from wanting to read?

**Feeling pressure - to get it right  
- to move on to the next colour.**

**Seeing reading as a race rather than as a fun thing to do.**

**Finding it difficult.**

**Preferring to do something else.**

**Reading something they aren't enjoying.**

# How Can You Encourage Your Child to Read for Pleasure?

**Let them choose: an important factor in developing reading for pleasure is providing choice - choice and interest are highly related.**

**Expand your definition of reading – it is better that a reluctant reader is reading something even if it is not your ideal read for them!**

**Parents and the home environment are essential to the teaching of reading and fostering a love of reading; children are more likely to continue to be readers in homes where books and reading are valued.**

**Get caught reading; children need to see you reading and not just a screen!**

**Limit screen time for your child; give them ownership of when they may use it.**

**Read aloud to them - even accomplished readers benefit from hearing you read to them as comprehension is often easier when we hear something than when we read it. It is also a great way to have fun and bond with your child.**