

# READING FOR PLEASURE AT LEAVENING PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## HOW TO MAKE READING FUN AT HOME

When children enjoy reading, they are more likely to feel happier, grow in confidence and do better at school.

Taking 10 minutes to read each day is a great habit to develop and it's never too early to start.

Here are some things you can do to help make reading fun:

### Choose a time to read

Find a moment in your day that works best for you. This could be over breakfast, on the bus or in the evening.

### Let your child choose

Why not try a magazine, picture book, comic, or non-fiction book? Following your child's interests will help them get excited about reading.

### Chat about what you are reading

You might want to talk about the characters, facts, plots, or pictures you find on the page.

### Read and repeat

Read the same thing again and again. Children learn so much from repeated reading. They'll learn to anticipate what's coming next which builds their reading confidence.

### Be a reading role model

Escape into a book or magazine and see where it takes you. Children who see adults reading at home are more likely to enjoy it themselves.

### The most important thing?

Do what you can! If reading every day with your child isn't possible right now, don't worry. You can gradually build up to a daily habit



## Pop Up Library Dates

- 15th Dec (collection only)
- 15th Jan
- 6th Feb
- 6th March
- 27th March
- 1st May
- 22nd May
- 12th June
- 3rd June (collection only)

# NATIONAL RESEARCH HAS REVEALED THAT ...

**2 in 3 children and young people don't enjoy reading.** The research report, which is taken from the results of the National Literacy Trust 2024 annual literacy survey of over 76,000 UK children and young people, records the worst levels in nearly 20 years. At Leavening we are really proud of our reading culture and the emphasis we place on reading for enjoyment across the whole curriculum. We also appreciate that children's reading habits at school do not necessarily echo their reading habits at home. Please do read on to find out how you can make positive changes to this.

## WHAT IF MY CHILD IS A RELUCTANT READER?

If your child is a reluctant reader or you're finding it hard to find the time to read together, there are lots of different ways to help them enjoy reading more.

### Ten tips to help you engage your child in reading

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## 'WHEN I GROW UP' BOOKLIST

At Leavening we are inspiring our pupils of all ages to explore different jobs and roles in our world. We are encouraging high aspirations, tackling gender stereotypes and opening our pupils' minds to the variety of jobs out there and the skills and knowledge they need for them. You could support their curiosity by sharing some of the following books...

### Ages 3-5

#### **Rocket to the Moon!: Big Ideas that Changed the World**

##### **By Don Brown**

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong took "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" when the Apollo 11 landed on the moon. But it wasn't just one man who got us to the moon. This book explores the people and technology that made the moon landing possible.

#### **Izzy Gizmo**

##### **By Pip Jones**

Izzy Gizmo loves to invent, but her inventions never seem to work the way she wants them to and that makes her really cross. When she finds a crow with a broken wing she just has to help. But will she be able to put her frustrations to one side and help her new friend to fly again?

## **Ages 3-5 continued...**

### **My Mummy is a Plumber**

**By Kerrine Bryan**

This book introduces children to the world of plumbing through fun rhyme and colourful illustrations. Mummy is always saving the day with her plumbing skills! She helps Mrs Platt from the upstairs flat, whose nail goes through a pipe, and Suzy Pane from Chudberry Lane, whose toilet has got blocked!

### **Rainbow Magic: Destiny the Pop Star Fairy**

**By Daisy Meadows**

Destiny the Pop Star Fairy looks after all pop stars in Fairyland and the human world. So when things start to go wrong for her friends' favourite pop group, The Angels, Destiny needs their help to fix things before The Angels' concert is ruined!

### **Zoo-ology**

**By Joelle Jolivet**

This brilliant picture book provides a visual treat for readers, young and old. With a new environment on every page, Zoo-ology is filled with different species from the aardvark to the zebra in a zoo without bars.

## **Ages 5-8**

### **Violet the Pilot**

**By Steve Breen**

By the time she's two years old, Violet Van Winkle can fix nearly any appliance in the house and by eight she's building elaborate flying machines from scratch. The kids at school tease her, so maybe she could earn their respect by winning the blue ribbon in the upcoming air show, or something involving her best-ever invention?

### **Rosie Revere, Engineer**

**By Andrea Beaty**

Rosie may seem quiet during the day, but at night she's a brilliant inventor of gizmos and gadgets and dreams of becoming a great engineer. When her great, great aunt Rose comes for a visit and mentions her one unfinished goal to fly, Rosie sets to work building a contraption to make her aunt's dream come true.

### **Stephen Hawking**

**By Isabel Sanchez Vegara**

Part of the Little People, Big Dreams series, this book offers children the chance to discover the life of Stephen Hawking, the genius physicist and author. When Stephen Hawking was a little boy, he used to stare up at the stars and wonder about the universe. Although he was never top of the class, his curiosity led him to make one of the biggest scientific discoveries of the 20th century: Hawking radiation.



## **Ages 5-8 continued...**

### **When Sue Found Sue**

**By Toni Buzzeo**

From a very young age, Sue Hendrickson was good at finding things: lost coins, perfume bottles and even hidden treasure. This led to a career in diving and palaeontology and in 1990 she found Sue the T. rex, the largest and most complete T. rex skeleton ever unearthed.

## **Ages 9-12**

### **Archidoodle: An architect's Activity Book**

**By Steve Bowkett**

This book poses all manner of architectural challenges for the user: from designing your own skyscraper to drawing an island house. Aimed at anyone who loves drawing buildings, it encourages the users to imagine their own creative solutions by sketching, drawing and painting.

### **40 Inspiring Icons: Music Legends**

**By Hervé Guilleminot**

A part of the Top 40 Famous series, this book introduces readers to the lives of Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan, The Beatles, Madonna, Beyoncé, Jimi Hendrix, David Bowie and many other rock and pop legends, focusing on key aspects such as genre, look and famous performances.

### **Politics for Beginners**

**By Louie Stowell**

On what can be a confusing industry to understand and aspire to work in, this book offers a no-nonsense guide to what politics is all about. Topics covered include political systems, elections, voting and government and issues including feminism, human rights, freedom of speech and fake news.

### **Get Coding!**

**By Louie Stowell**

Through six missions and bite-sized chunks, this book will teach your child how write code, then build their own website, app and games using HTML, CSS and JavaScript and become a technology star of the future!





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## Author / Illustrator

Hello, I'm Neil and I'm an author and illustrator of children's books. Or, as I like to call it, a picture book maker!

I grew up in Bishop Wilton, Yorkshire, and as a child I dreamt of becoming an artist... or a professional skateboarder. I wrote my first published book in 2017 and became a full time picture book maker in 2019.

I work from home; drawing, sketching, writing and creating new ideas. I also work closely with publishers, editors and designers to bring those ideas to life. From initial idea to seeing the finished book in the shops can often take up to 2 years!

My titles include 'Pow!', 'Walter The Wonder Snail' and 'Rusty The Squeaky Robot', and are sold all over the world!

Being Parent Governor has enabled me to see what a wonderfully creative reading and writing culture there is at Leavening Primary School!



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