

How to Support Your Child's Reading at Home

YEAR 4

They enjoy exploring a range of text types including: non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, short novels, picturebooks, myths, legends and poetry.

Your child is beginning to develop stamina when reading and is starting to cope with more demanding texts. They may be moving into silent reading.

When you ask them about reading preferences, they can tell you the types of stories/texts that they like and explain what it is about them that is appealing.

Reading accurately at speed with appropriate intonation and re reads passage to ensure understanding.

They are beginning to re-read a variety of texts around known authors whilst beginning to choose from a wide range of book including new authors.



Helping your child get better at reading is important to all of us. Whenever you read with your child, asking them one or two of these questions will improve their comprehension. Writing down what they say would help too! *E.g. Jenny said that her favourite part of the story was when Biff hid up in the tree because it was exciting.*

Reading for Pleasure is paramount.

From reading a character's feelings, thoughts or actions, they can justify what kind of person they are.

They can explain why characters feel and act the way they do and use clues from the way characters speak and act to help them justify their reasons behind their actions.

Your child is making comments on the author's choice of words.

They can say when I think a book is set and explain how I worked it out.

They can find and talk about the words or phrases the author has used and why they interest them. New words are looked up in a dictionary

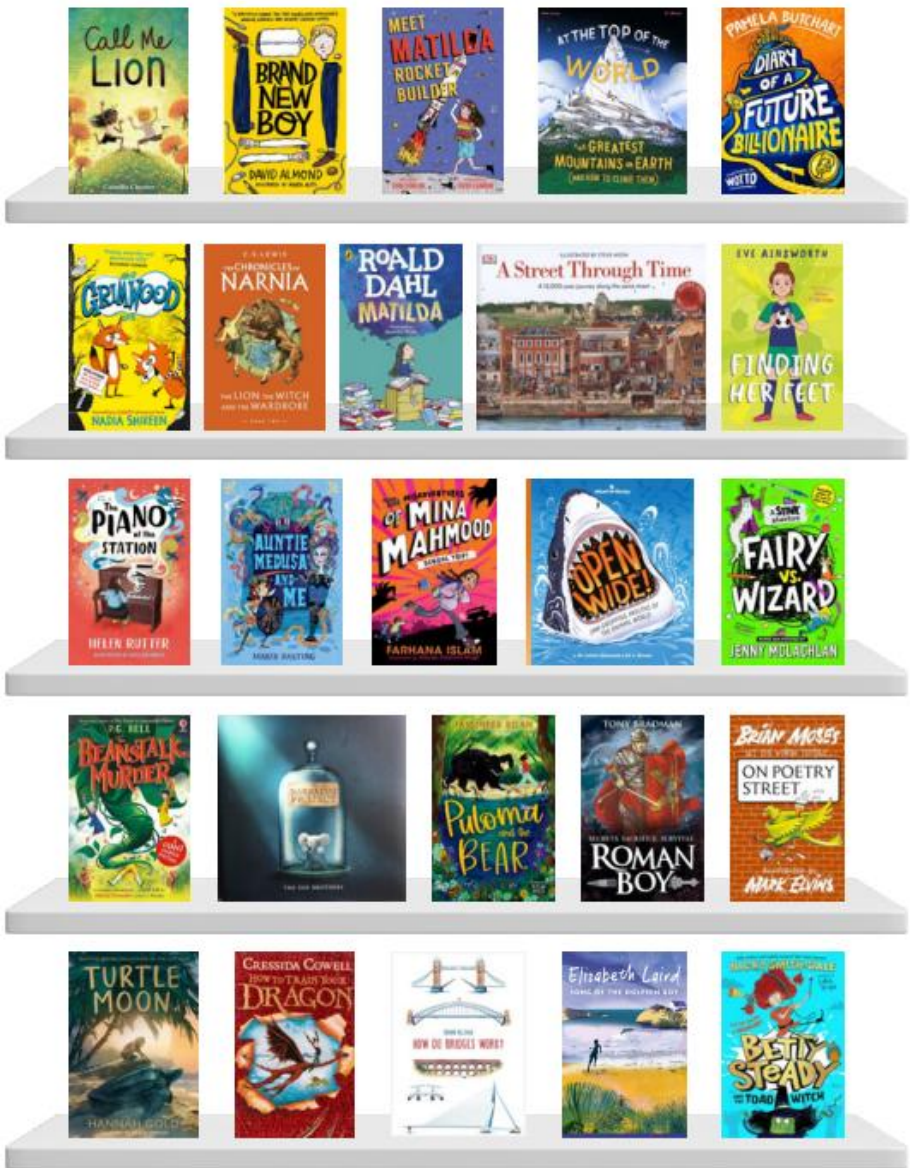
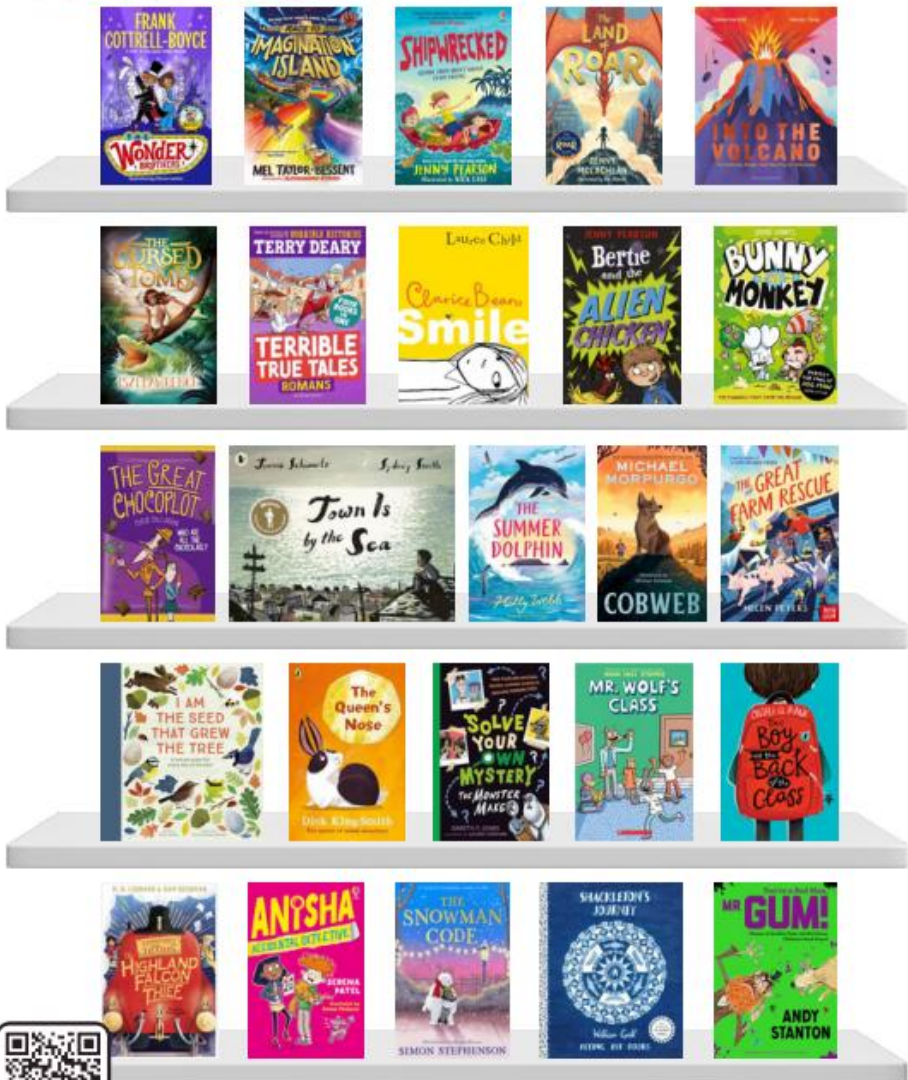
They are reading books with a small amount of challenging vocabulary which might encourage them to use a dictionary

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Year 4 (ages 8-9)



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