

Dear parents and carers,

As part of our commitment to developing reading in our school, we are pleased to announce that as of this year, we have introduced 'The Avenue Book Shop'. Each term (three times a year) every child in the school will be able to visit our pop-up book shop to choose a book that they can take home, completely free! Not only does this give them the opportunity to browse and choose a book, giving them ownership and responsibility, it also means that they can begin or add to their own home library. This new initiative will mean that children starting in Reception will receive 9 books over their time at The Avenue. Current Year 1s will get 6 books and Year 2s will get 3 books during the rest of their time at the school.

Reading is a vitally important skill and there are significant links between early reading and attainment in later education. This includes 'reading for pleasure' – simply, choosing to read because it is an enjoyable activity. Please take the time to share your child's new book that they bring home, it really is invaluable for your child's progress. There are some useful information videos linked below to support you when reading with your child but please do come to speak to us if you would like more support with this at home.

Why read to your child:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Tu4pDu6a/4IJdGw5a>

10 things to think about when you read to your child:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/2abqI5Tk/tYvoIBlt>

Your child will be bringing home their chosen book this week. We hope you enjoy snuggling up and sharing it this week and many times in the future,

Thank you for your continued support.

Emma Colter

Reading Leader