

The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.

-- Dr. Seuss



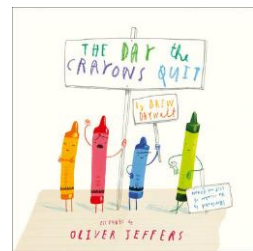
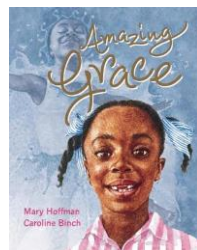
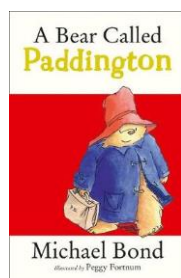
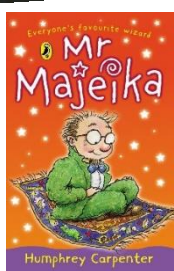
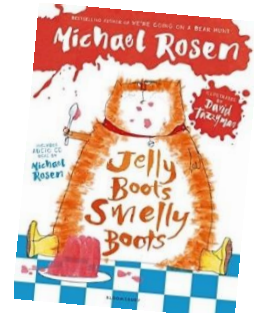
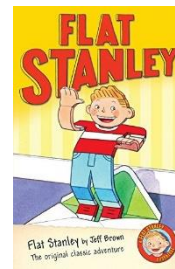
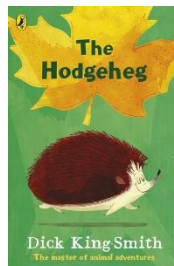
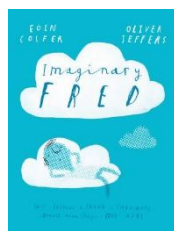
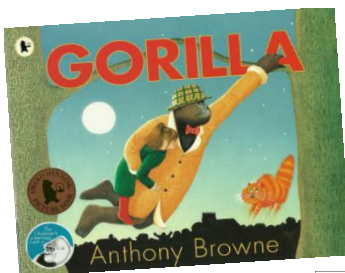
Research has shown that one of the most beneficial activities for children (and adults!) is reading.

“There is strong evidence that reading for pleasure can increase empathy, improve relationships with others, reduce the symptoms of depression and improve wellbeing throughout life.” (The Reading Agency, 2015.)

Reading for pleasure is more important for children's cognitive development than their parents' level of education and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than socio-economic background. (OECD 2002)

We expect that your child will read at home at least three times every week as part of their homework and we ask that you sign in their reading record book to say they have done this. They will then be awarded an autonomy point in Class Charts.

Reading in Year 2 focusses on deepening an enjoyment of books as well as developing fluency. Your child should now be able to read some words without sounding them out so they might begin to enjoy short chapter books as well as picture books. At home, please read with your child as often as you can, and talk about what you read. Can your child recount the book they have just finished? Can they tell you about the characters? Don't forget to read and share all kinds of texts – stories, poems, information books etc. Here are some suggestions of great books to read and share at home during Year 2. Obviously, there are many more wonderful children's books available. If you or your child come across an amazing book we would love to know about it so we can read it too!



Most of these books are available on our class bookshelves. Dursley library also has a wide range of children's titles and don't forget that books make great presents!

For more ideas for books or activities visit the book trust website:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/> or the parent site of the National literacy trust

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/> or speak to your child's class teacher.