



# Highlees Reading News

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our first Highlees Reading News for 2024! We love reading at Highlees and are excited to share our love of books with all of you at home.

Research has shown that reading is the cornerstone of primary education; the more fluent readers children become the more learning they can access across the curriculum. Not only this, reading transports us to a myriad of different times and places; exposes us to countless emotions and experiences and allows us to be people from all walks of life just by opening a book.

Why not share a book with your child today and see where it takes you?

Highlees Staff

## Thank you Year 5/6 parents!

Years 5 & 6 were delighted to welcome parents and carers into school to read with their children. Everyone was delighted to relax in our new school library to share a book. Thank you to all parents/carers who supported this event.



WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

## World Book Day is Thursday 7 March.

As always, we are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day this year! We will be inviting parents of our Years 3 and 4 children to read with the children. Keep your eyes peeled for further details of how each year group will celebrate our love of books on the day



# Reading Rucksack



Nothing beats getting cosy and relaxing with a book! To help promote Reading for Pleasure across Highlees, we have introduced the 'Reading Rucksack'. Each week, a child from every class will be chosen to bring home their class 'Reading Rucksack' which will contain a book, a hot chocolate drink and some delicious biscuits; the perfect ingredients for a relaxing read! In return, we ask children to please write a short review of the book they read to add to their class library. Look out for the 'Reading Rucksack' coming home with your child soon.

*Happy Reading!*

## Top tips for Reading at Home...

- Turn off the TV, radio and computer. It's easier for both of you to enjoy the story without any other distractions.
- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together, or perhaps your child enjoys guessing what will happen next.
- Ask questions and talk about the book. Even picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions. Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story – as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices...your child will love it!

**TODAY**  
IS A  
GREAT DAY  
TO READ

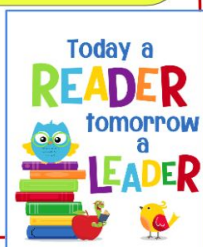
## Key Stage 1

Please encourage your child to read their online **Big Cat e-book**.

Let us know if you have any problems accessing the e-books.



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**BIG CAT**



10 ways to become a better reader...

1. Read
2. READ
3. Read
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5. READ
6. Read
7. Read
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9. Read
10. READ

