



2026 is the National Year of Reading! This is in response to research that shows that there has been a significant decline in the number of children reading for pleasure. We know that there are lots of demands on families' time and that keeping children off screens is a real battle so we want to help promote reading as much as we can. This is because reading is so important for developing children's language skills and their knowledge of the world around them. Book Week is just the start of the activities and events we are planning to celebrate reading and to encourage children to read at home as well as at school. We need your help though! There is only so much we can do in school and without your support, we can't make the change that is needed to give children all the skills they need.

Books for Topics

Not sure which books your child would like? Books for Topics is a fantastic website that has all sorts of great ideas for books to inspire children. You can search by age, topic, and there are monthly 'new books' lists too. Everyone will find something they love or are interested in!

Take a look here:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/>



One brilliant way to encourage reading for pleasure is to visit libraries. Arthur in Leopard Class has just been awarded his gold library card! He received this very special card (along with his big brother) for borrowing 1000 books. What a fantastic achievement! We are so proud of Arthur for being such a big book fan and hope that some other children might be inspired to work towards their gold library card too. Well done, Arthur!

