



How you can help your child to read at home.



At **Upton Cross ACE Academy**, we truly value the importance of reading. Placing it at the heart of our curriculum enables our children to be able to access all other areas of learning in school and life.

Within **EYFS** and **KS1** we begin the journey of teaching reading with a systematic synthetic phonics programme called **Read Write Inc.**

In **KS2**, regular time is allocated to guided reading sessions where children immerse themselves in a book and deepen their understanding and comprehension of a shared text.

We also give all our children the opportunity to read in school every single day with books that are matched to their reading ability. The children change their books every few days and bring them home to show off their reading skills to you. We have a school library where the children can access many different books of different genres. In addition to this, we embrace and encourage reading with trophies, sponsored reads, book weeks, book character dressing up, phonic forums and much, much more!

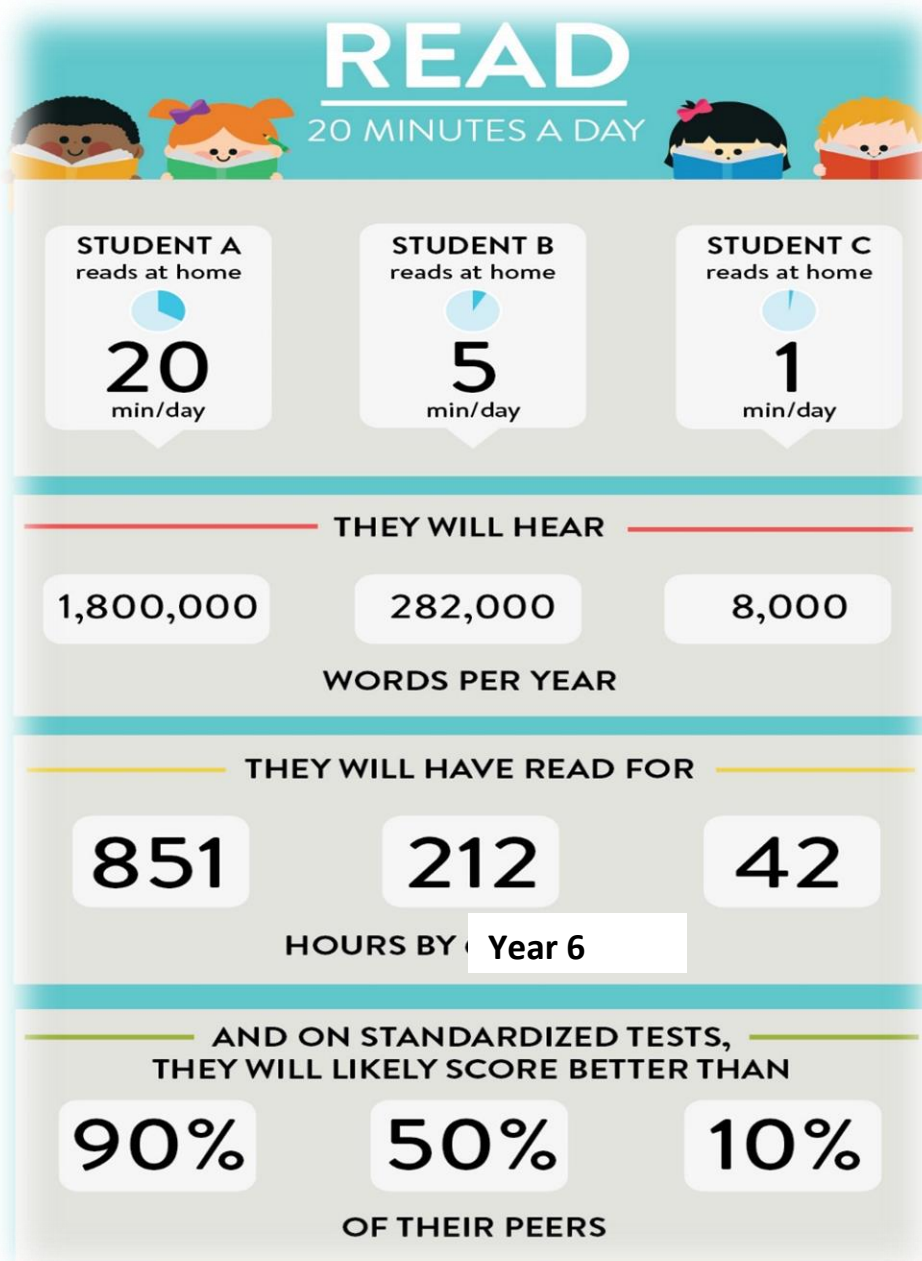
However, reading must not just happen in school. It is vital that children read at home and parents encourage this and role model this as frequently as possible.

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day, not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of the world in which they live. In fact, there's strong evidence to suggest that reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well in life than their social or economic background.

We need parents to fully understand the important role they have in helping to keep their child interested in books, finding out what interests them and helping them to find the books that will capture their child's imagination and transport them to worlds they have never been to.



The hard facts:



Please help us to give every child the very best opportunities during their Primary years of school. Here are some top tips:

- Read **with** your child every day – and that is all children of all ages.
- Turn off the television and put devices away. Your aim is for children to be as interested in books as they are technology!
- Ask them questions about their book. Ensure they can decode fluently as well as understand and enjoy the story/text.
- Be an inspiration and discuss with your child the books you enjoy and are currently reading.
- Join your local library to access a whole range of books to read at home. Don't forget about the micro-library in Upton Cross Parish Hall.
- Read for enjoyment. This includes fiction, non-fiction, comics, novels, magazines, leaflets etc.
- Read whenever you get the chance! Have a book or magazine available when you go to appointments and have to wait.
- Don't forget rhyme, repetition and poetry. These can really engage children of all ages.
- Above all, make it fun!

We will teach them the skills and all you need to do is practice them at home.

You can make a difference!