



# Greenfield Primary School

*Excellence and Enjoyment for All*

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Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you for all your kind and generous donations of story books this world book day. We are really looking forward to sharing these out between our classes and giving the children a wider selection of story books to choose from.

Due to the success of this event and after speaking with some of our more reluctant readers, we'd now like to ask for your support in extending the different types of reading material we have available for the children in each class. The children have told us that as well as reading stories they'd also love to have time reading other text types, ones which are more non-fiction based. We have a number of non-fiction books linked to current class topics always readily available in classrooms but would like to supplement these further. Therefore, we are now asking for donations of the following:

- Comics
- Annuals
- Magazine subscriptions
- Non-fiction books about a variety of topics
- Graphic novels

Below are a few more ideas from the Scholastic website about different reading materials to share with your child. Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. D Juster  
Deputy Head Teacher

When we think of reading, most of us immediately think of stories, especially books. But there are many other types of reading materials that children can use to practise their developing reading skills. How many of these forms of print have you read with your children?

1. Magazines. There are lots of great magazines for kids, both at the news stand and available for digital downloads.

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2. Comics. Don't discount the power of comics to hook kids on reading. They are a great way to teach your children about the back and forth of dialogue.
3. Manuals. For kids who want to know how things work, manuals for things like cars, lawnmowers, and appliances can be great options -- and they build vocabulary, too.
4. Newspapers. If you are worried about exposing your child to news articles about crime or traumatic events, choose a local community newspaper or give your child a specific section to read that you've already vetted.
5. Poetry. Grab a collection of poems or sit down and write some with your children. Rhyming is an important skill for reading, and having your children write poems on their own is a great way to build that skill.
6. Travel Brochures. They can plan fantasy vacations and learn a bit of geography, too.
7. Encyclopedias. Did you read encyclopedias as a kid? Your child might have to read them online, but that's OK, too. Start with a subject and see where it takes the two of you.
8. Sports Programs. Hold on to the programs that you are given at sporting events and let your kids read and reread about their favourite athletes and teams.
9. Catalogues. Many catalogues now are so much more than just products and quick descriptions. Have your child make wish lists and fit in a little writing, too.
10. Recipes. Cook with your kids and take turns reading the ingredients and instructions. This is a great example of real-life reading for kids of any age.
11. Dictionaries. You might be hard pressed to convince your children to read a dictionary from cover to cover but give them a challenge like: "Find a new word that starts with 'r'" or "Find a word with 13 letters" and they will end up doing a lot of reading with a plain old dictionary.
12. Play Scripts. Explore what it might be like to be on screen or stage by reading a few scripts together. You can even put on a play after reading them.
13. Atlases. Atlases are packed with a wealth of reference information. Not only can your child map out a great adventure, but she can also read about land formations, population, and more.
14. Road Signs. Kids start recognising familiar signs at an early age. Keep that knowledge of environmental print going by playing sign games on road trips.
15. Books They Write! Nothing is as powerful as reading their own writing. Encourage your child to write, and his reading will get a boost, too.