



Wreake Valley Academy

Baby Elephant Programme

Parent/Carers Booklet



How can you support your child at home?

- To improve their general knowledge, have a fact or word of the week.
- Ask your child to teach you a concept or a technique they have learnt at school that week.

‘ Today a reader, tomorrow a leader. ’
Margaret Fuller

- Encourage them to read texts that are outside of the main curriculum (see the links to the reading lists) or find a topic and read around it. Even if they are good readers, read with them and discuss the text.

Year 7 – 9

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks3-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-7-pupils-ks2-age-11-12/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks3-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-8-pupils-ks3-age-12-13/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks3-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-9-pupils-ks3-age-13-14/>

Year 10 & 11

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks4-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-year-10-pupils-ks4-age-14-15/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks4-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-year-11-pupils-ks4-age-15-16/>

- Ask your child what they have learnt that week at school.
- Encourage physical activity to develop co-ordination.
- Support them with texts or projects through visits e.g. theatre or museums.
- Encourage your child to try new activities.
- Puzzles, crosswords, logic games, card games and board games help to develop thinking skills and social interactions.
- Learn a new language together using an app such as Duolingo.
- Allow “down time” for them to develop hobbies and interests of their own.
- Encourage an active interest in current affairs e.g. watching the news, reading news articles and discussing it with them.
- Encourage them to appreciate and listen to the views of others.
- Explore interests to help develop their knowledge and understanding:
 - ⇒ MOOCs (www.futurelearn.com) are free online courses that show wider reading. These are useful for future university applications.
 - ⇒ TED lectures (www.ted.com/talks).
 - ⇒ TEDEd (<https://ed.ted.com/>)
- Value and praise persistence and effort not just the outcome. It is important for children to make mistakes and help them to develop strategies to cope with not getting it right all the time.