



Reading for Pleasure at Ivanhoe

Developing children who choose, enjoy, discuss and recommend books

Our belief

Reading is not only something children learn to do; it is something we want children to choose to do. Reading for pleasure supports vocabulary, knowledge, imagination, empathy, confidence and a lifelong relationship with books.

Protected time

Every child from FS1 to Year 6 experiences protected story time. This gives children regular opportunities to hear high-quality language and stories, regardless of their independent reading ability.

Our reading-for-pleasure offer

Year group	English journey
Ivanhoe Books for Pleasure	A curated selection of books chosen for each year group. Children hear and discuss books and have opportunities to vote and share recommendations.
Book Trees	Children have access to additional books for pleasure alongside their reading scheme book.
Oxford reading books	Books support developing independent reading and are selected to match pupils' reading needs.
Wider reading	Teachers promote authors, genres, poetry, non-fiction and texts linked to children's interests and curriculum learning.
Y5/6 reading culture	Oxford Ready to Move and our curated upper-KS2 library provide appropriate challenge and wider choice for confident readers.

Our role as teachers

- Model enthusiasm for reading.
- Recommend books and authors.
- Read aloud regularly.
- Talk about books and respond to children's recommendations.
- Expose children to texts they may not otherwise encounter.
- Help children find books that match both their interests and their developing reading identities.

Our role as families

Families can support reading for pleasure by sharing books, talking about stories, visiting libraries, allowing children to choose books and modelling reading as an enjoyable part of everyday life.