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- Why do we read?
- Why is reading for pleasure so important?
- What stops us reading for pleasure?
- Reading aloud to our children.
- Top tips for reading aloud.
- Where can we access books?
- Let's look at some amazing resources.
- Read a book with your child.

# Why do we read?

To find out information

To be safe

To learn



To communicate  
with others.

**For fun!**

'Reading for Pleasure is the single most important indicator of a child's future success'. (OECD, 2002)



Children who learn to love books at home and continue to experience the joy of sharing texts for pleasure, are statistically more likely to continue this love throughout their lives.



What stops us reading with our children?

What stops them reading to themselves?

## Reading Together in families counts!

Children need support to develop the habit and love of reading. Three core strategies support readers, as OU research indicates:

Reading Aloud    Time to read as a family    Book chat

So 'just relax and read'. Time and space to hear stories and to read and talk informally about what you're reading makes a difference to children's pleasure in reading.

# Reading aloud to our children is Reading for Pleasure



Reading for pleasure starts with being read to, telling stories and looking at pictures.



"Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns."



Increased vocabulary

General Knowledge

Strengthening bonds

Build language skills

Imagination

Critical thinking

Self regulation

**FUN!**



## Top Tips for Reading Aloud

- Allow the child to select books as well as you.
- Make the time to read together - bedtime is perfect but find what suits you. If you can create a habit you're more likely to stick to it.
- Keep the focus on the book and the time with the child - avoid distractions.
- Find a comfy spot
- Don't assume that older children won't want to share picture books. There are many amazing texts with lots to give to children of all ages.

## Top Tips for Reading Aloud

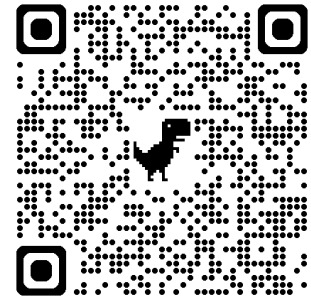
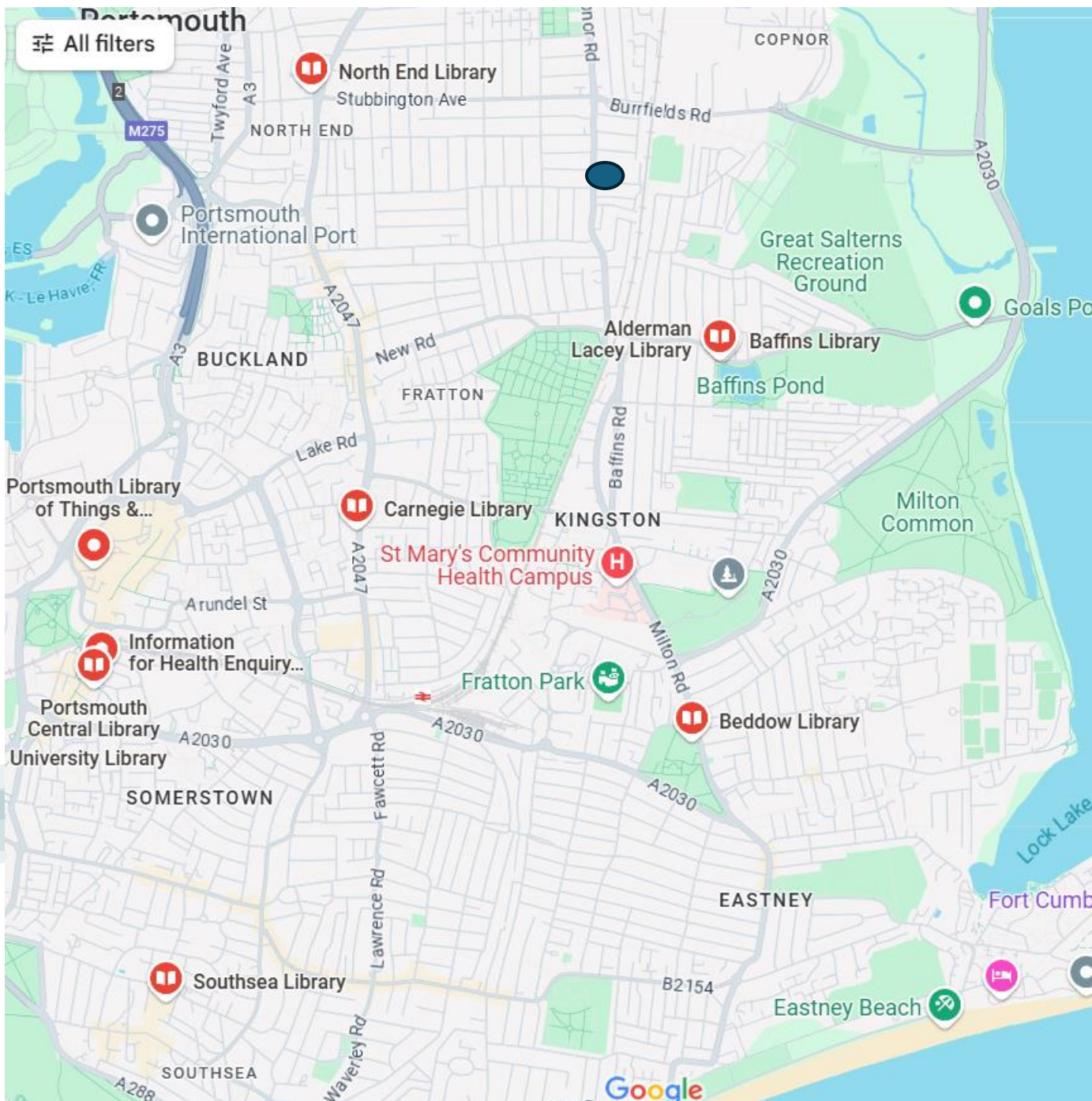
- Book chat - Spend time talking about the book - before, during and after reading.
- Enjoy the illustrations and allow time to notice details.
- Do the voices!
- Come back to favourite stories. Repetition is enjoyable for children.
- Talk about likes and dislikes - it's ok to have preferences, to not enjoy a book or even not finish it.
- Be a reading role model.

# Where can I access texts?



## The Library

- Portsmouth Libraries is free to join. Adults can join online and collect their card in branch.
- Under 16's need a parent signature.
- Children can borrow up to 20 books at a time!
- There are no late fees for overdue books.
- Library cards also offer other benefits in the city - your child can swim for free at The Mountbatten Centre.
- The library offers bilingual and accessible texts.



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### Wednesdays

9.30am-12.30pm: London Road (opposite Amberley Road), 1.30pm-4.30pm: Mayfield Road / Copnor Road

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### Thursdays

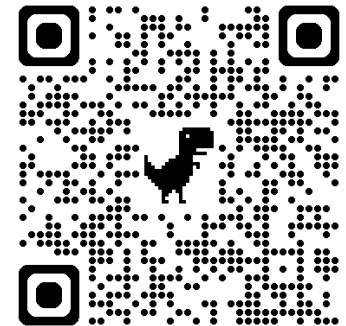
9.30am-12.30pm: Sainsbury's Farlington, 1.30pm-4.30pm: Morrisons Anchorage Park

## Online Library Resources

- Once you have joined the library you can access e-books and audio books through Borrow Box



- You can log in to Spydus which helps you manage your loans, check availability of books and reserve copies to pick up later.



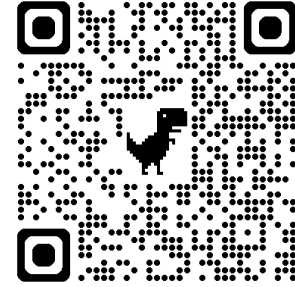


## Other ways to find books...

- Kindle - you can download the Kindle App to a device.
- Audible
- Selling pages - Facebook Marketplace, eBay, Vinted
- Charity Shops
- Sharing between friends and family

## What Should we read?

- School Library Service Recommendations
- Librarians
- Book shop staff
- Recommendations from other children/families
- Book recommendation websites - on handout
- Ebooks and Audiobooks
- Magazines and comics
- Researching interests online through child friendly sites.





# The Rights of the Reader

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1 The right not to read.



2 The right to skip.



3 The right not to finish a book.



4 The right to read it again.



5 The right to read anything.



6 The right to mistake a book for real life.



7 The right to read anywhere.



8 The right to dip in.



9 The right to read out loud.



10 The right to be quiet.

10 rights — 1 warning  
Don't make fun of people  
who don't read —  
or they won't.





