



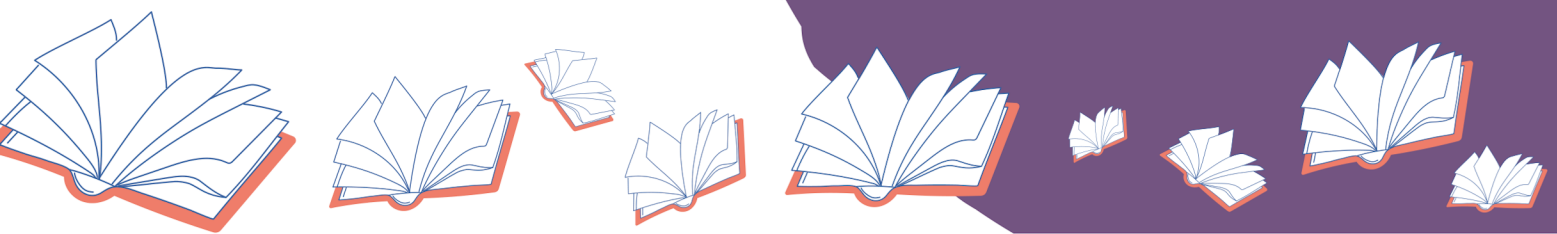
READING ROCKS

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At Abbey Academies Trust, we understand the importance of encouraging children to read for pleasure. It might not seem like a particularly important task, but actually, research shows that reading for pleasure can be directly linked to children's success throughout their time at school and even into adulthood.

Reading for pleasure opens up new worlds for children. It gives them the opportunity to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. Interestingly, reading for pleasure also improves children's well-being and empathy. It helps them to understand their own identity, and gives them an insight into the world and the views of others.

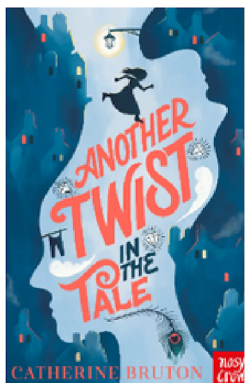


TIPS

READING

- Take books with you so you always have a story to share. You can read on the train or bus, or even if you are waiting in a queue together.
- When you are outside, take time to notice what is going on around you. Make up stories about what you see with your child.
- Bedtime is the perfect time to read together. It helps create a routine and can make going to bed something your child looks forward to. It is a special time for a parent and child to share.

Check out some top reads for September.



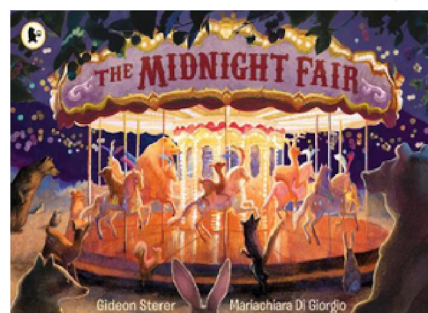
Another Twist in the Tale by Catherine Bruton

This is a brilliantly-imagined tale which assumes that Oliver Twist had a twin sister, called Twill. The story follows her life through gambling dens and workhouses until she is drawn into a daring adventure.

The narrator voice in this story is entertaining and is woven well with wonderful description of Victorian London. Will Twill ever meet her long lost brother?

The Midnight Fair by Gideon Sterer and illustrated by Mariachiara Di Giorgio

The woodland creatures watch longingly as people enjoy the fair's attractions. They watch with patience as the fair closes and is secured for the night. The midnight fair's magic now starts to take effect. Follow the woodland creatures as they experience the thrills and excitement of the rides and stalls.



A wonderfully illustrated and clever picture book. Enjoy creating your own story to go with the images. Such an imaginative way to share the joy of storytelling.



When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle

It's 1941, all over the country children are being evacuated from cities to the countryside. Yet, Joseph has been sent from the relative safety of rural Yorkshire to the melee of the Blitz in London. He arrives an angry, deeply troubled 12 year old, but after befriending Adonis the gorilla, he gradually learns to trust and conquer his demons.