

# Grangefield Reading Newsletter

## Is your child a reluctant reader?

A lot of us wish our children would read more. But what happens when the very thought of picking up a book sends shivers down their back?

There are several things parents can do to help motivate their reluctant reader towards a lifelong love of reading. But first, it's important to figure out what may be the cause.

## Why are some children reluctant readers?

There are many reasons why your child might dislike reading. Maybe they haven't discovered a genre that interests them. Maybe they get restless and would rather play outside.

Often, children become reluctant readers because the books they're reading are too hard. If your child lacks confidence in reading, they're likely to avoid doing it altogether.

## Types of reluctant readers

There are three main types of reluctant readers, those who can't read, those who won't read and selective readers.

**Those who can't read:** These children struggle with basic reading skills and dislike reading because it's a daunting task.

**Those who won't read:** These children can read fairly well however they'd much rather be running around outside or playing with friends.

**Selective readers:** These children are highly selective about what they read and often not open to suggestions from adults. They need to be genuinely interested in the topic to pick up the book.

Once you've identified what kind of reluctant reader your child is, check out the following tips below to help get them excited about reading and devouring books in no time.

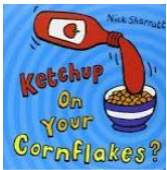
- *Ensure your child chooses topics that they are interested in.*
- *Choose books that are suited to their reading level.*
- *Lead by example – surround your child with readers.*
- *Rule out vision issues.*

- *Try activities that pair reading with play.*
- *Make reading fun.*
- *Opt for shorter books.*
- *Encourage book sharing.*
- *Use technology to your advantage.*
- *Take turns reading to each other.*
- *Introduce them to a new book series.*
- *Try audio books.*

### Continue to motivate your reluctant reader

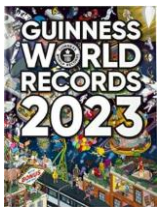
We all do things we believe we can do and what we believe is worth doing. Children are no different when it comes to reading. Motivating your child to fulfil their reading potential and encouraging them to see the value in reading are great places to start.

### Book Recommendations



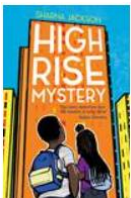
#### Ketchup on your cornflakes? – Nick Sharratt

A split-page book inviting children to howl with laughter at the fantastic and fantastical food concoctions they create. Do you like ketchup on your cornflakes?



#### Guinness World Records 2023

As lockdown restrictions ease, humanity's horizons are expanding once again, and our world is experiencing unprecedented change - in the environment, culture, technology and society.



#### High Rise Mystery – Sharna Jackson

This fantastic, urban-set mystery is fast-paced, funny and exciting. Nik and Norva are two brilliant new detectives with great senses of humour, and readers will be rooting for them from page one.

