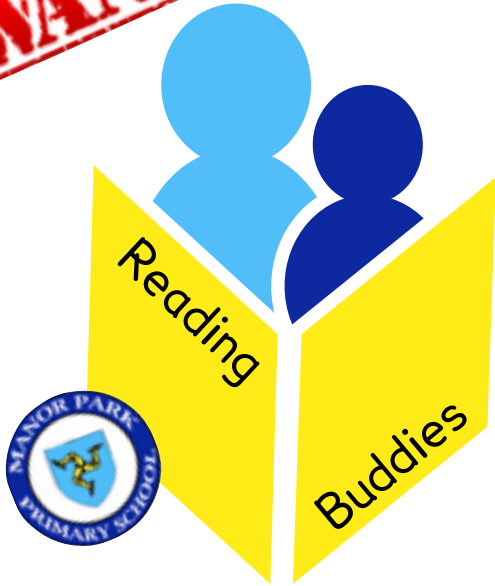


WANTED



Manor Park Reading Buddies

Do you have an hour to spare each week?

Do you have a love for reading?

Do you have oodles of enthusiasm and a lot of patience?

Then maybe you could help us!

10,000 Hours

There are many people who believe that it takes 10,000 hours of training to become a master of a sport, truly proficient in a musical instrument or indeed exceptionally good at anything. As it is believed that most people can succeed at anything if they practice enough.

Therefore, it is not a secret that children who read at home daily will easily clock up an hour and a quarter extra practice a week more than a child who is not heard read at home. (Based on a child reading for 15 minutes a day, Monday-Friday).

After a year that is an extra 49 hours of practice these children will have had. (Assuming home reading only happens on school days).

So, after 7 years in Primary School, a child who has routinely read at home everyday since Reception will have had an extra 341 hours practice on their class mates who have not had this opportunity.

This is a long way off 10,000 but is still a considerable difference and nearly impossible to catch up on when they are at Secondary School.

The Catch

However, for some children it is not quite so straightforward. There are a lot of reasons why a child may not be able to have this experience at home.

- They could be a young carer and their home life is significantly taken up by looking after someone else.
- They may have a sibling with a disability who takes up a remarkable amount of the grown ups time at home.
- They may live in a house where their grown ups are not very confident readers themselves and can't help their child as much as they would like to.

These are just three perfectly okay reasons why a child may not be heard read at home, there are so many more. Yet none of these reasons are the fault of the child.

Can you help?

So if you have an hour a week to spare, you could really make a difference by listening to individual children read. We are looking for volunteers to join our tiny team of Reading Buddies to help make a lasting impact on our children's lives.

Please contact us on 623794 for more information or return this slip to the school office.

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

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