

Parental involvement in reading for enjoyment


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READING FOR PLEASURE – WHAT & WHY?


“Pupils who can read are overwhelmingly more likely to succeed at school, achieve good qualifications, and subsequently enjoy a fulfilling and rewarding career. Those who cannot will find themselves at constant disadvantage.”

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/409409/Reading_the_next_steps.pdf

“Poor literacy can hold people back throughout their adult lives..... Data from the recent OECD Survey of Adult Skills show that unemployed adults are twice as likely to have weak literacy skills as those in full-time employment. Better literacy skills are also associated with higher earnings.”



“Children who love reading will read more and, over time, choose literature which is more demanding and suitably stretching... All reading makes a difference, but evidence suggests that reading for pleasure makes the most .”



NOT JUST A READING LEVEL....


- **Reading for pleasure develops skills across the whole curriculum. It affects spelling, grammar & comprehension, but also mathematical skills and general knowledge.**

WHY?

- **Builds stamina, perseverance, resilience and improves attention skills.**

- **“It has been shown to be associated with empathy and increased social support. One Canadian study found teenagers used reading for pleasure to help them make sense of the world, mature relationships and cultural identity.”**

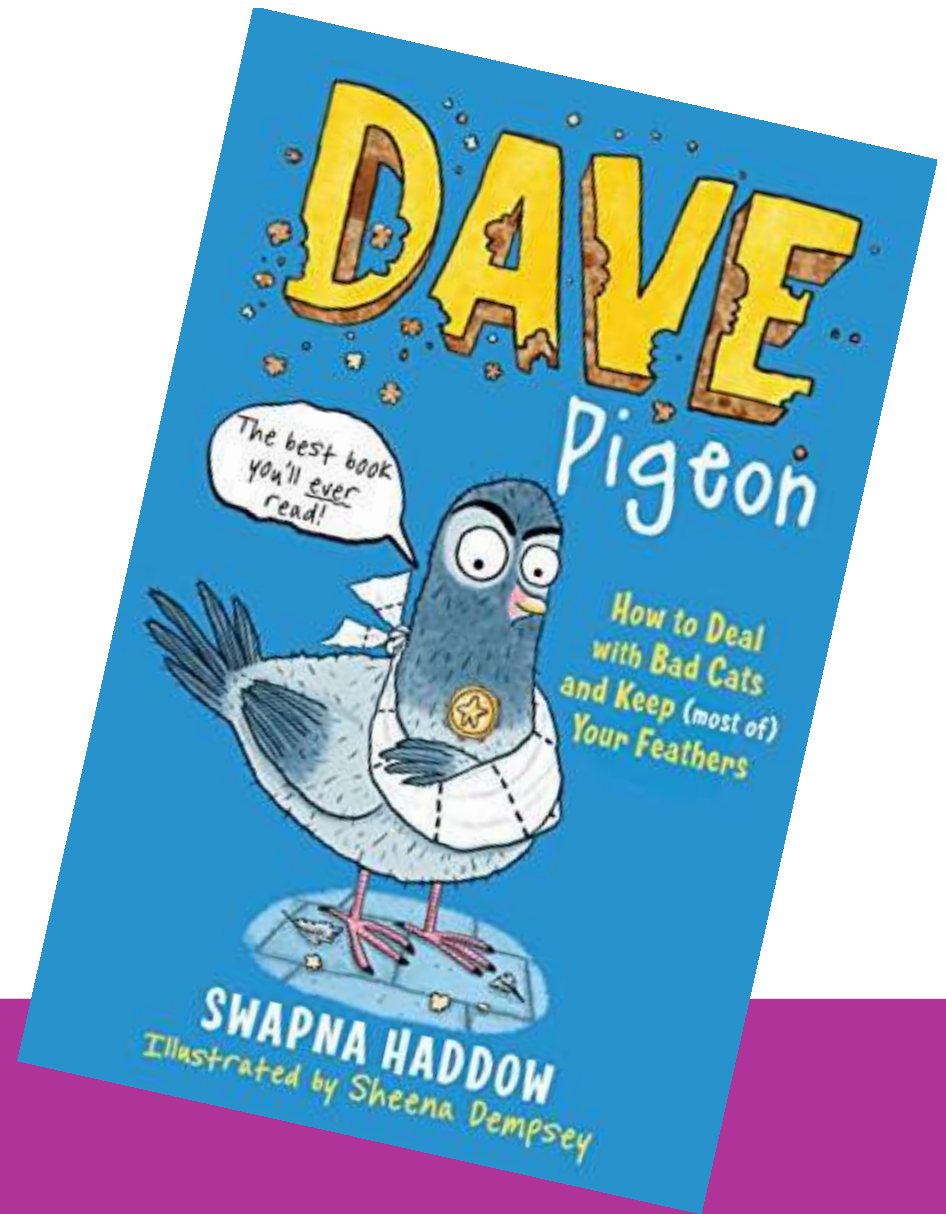
So, reading the right books, at the right age, at the right level is:

- **Enjoyable**
 - **Reduces stress and anxiety**
 - **Bolsters self esteem**
 - **Promotes a positive identity**
 - **Promotes empathy**
 - **Develops imagination.**
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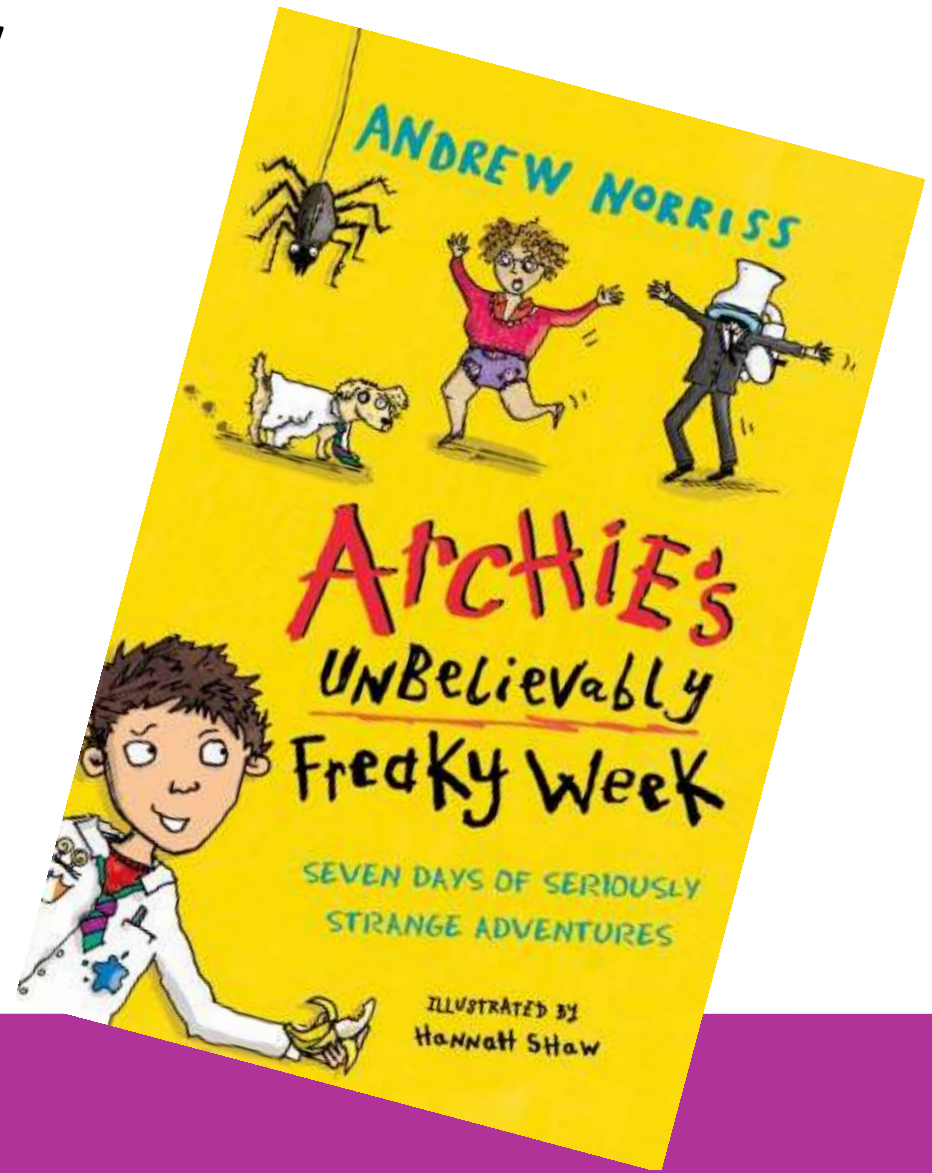
HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Role Model
- Bedtime stories
- Join your local library
- Match interests
- All reading is good
- Understand the right level
- Ask questions
- Read whenever you get the chance
- Read again and again
- Keep up to date

Dave Pigeon
by Swapna Haddow



Archie's Unbelievably Freaky Week by Andrew Norriss



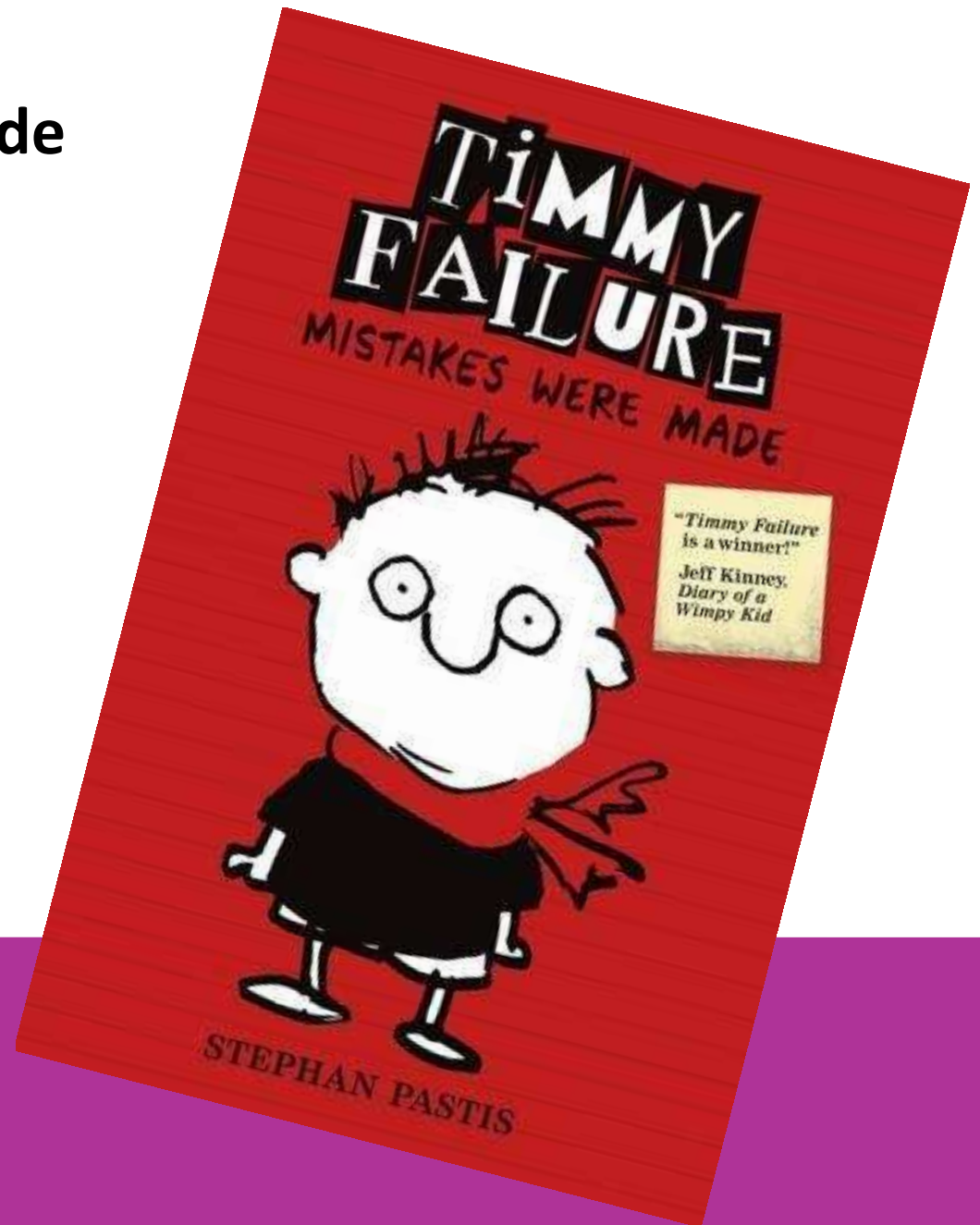
**Return of the
Hungry Hamster
by Sam Hay**



The Great Kitty Kidnap by Jo Simmons



**Timmy Failure:
Mistakes Were Made
by Stephan Pastis**



Pugs of the Frozen North by Philip Reeve

