

Reading- it's vital!

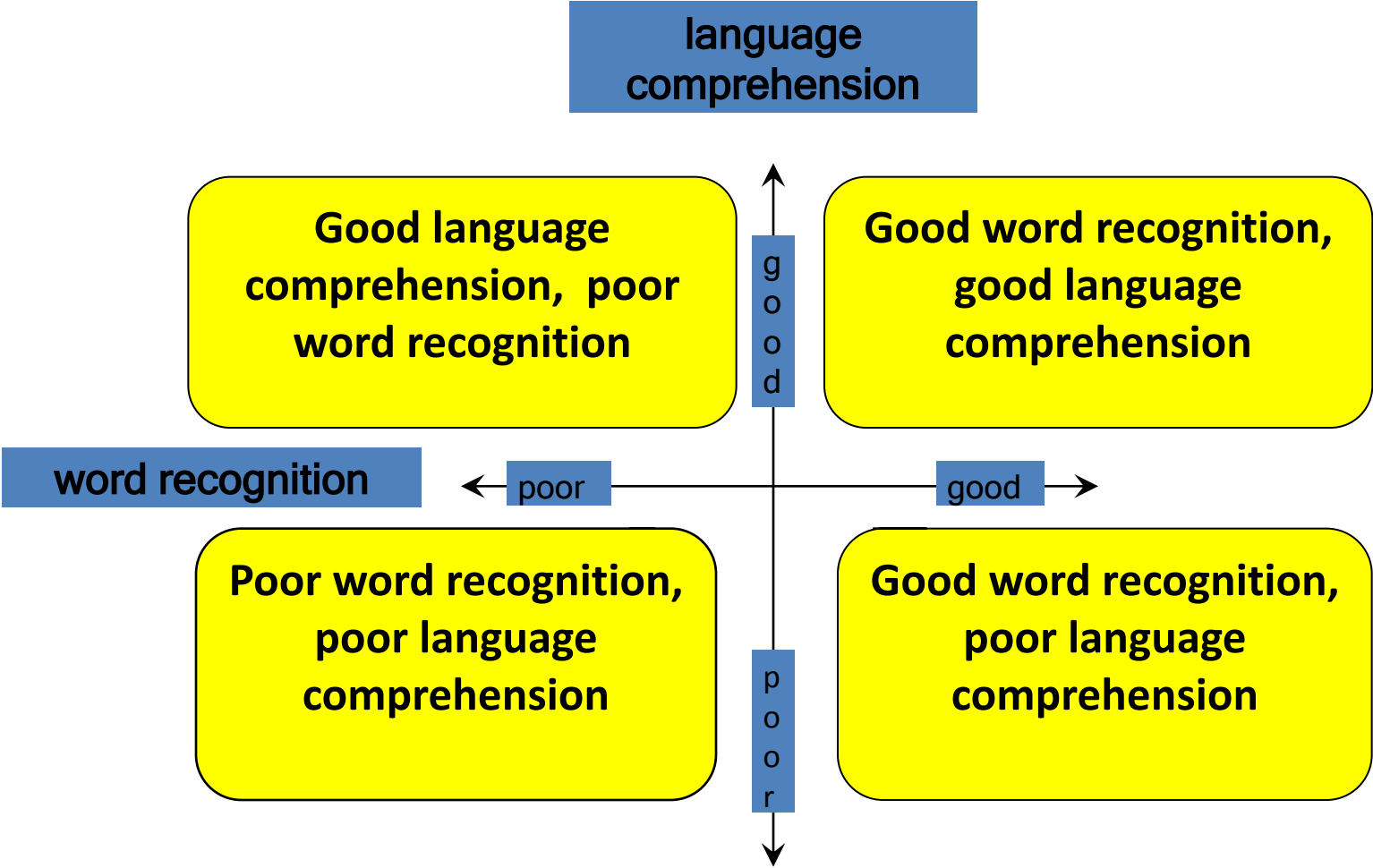
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1. Why is reading so important?
Why do we want all our children to be good readers?
2. What can a good reader do?
What does a good reader look like?

Reading - skills and understanding



Reading – ATTITUDE!

- Enjoyment - a love of reading
- Reading stamina
- A lifelong habit
- Growing independence e.g. being able to choose books oneself
- Knowing what they like and dislike and why
- Being familiar with books
- Being able to talk with others about books

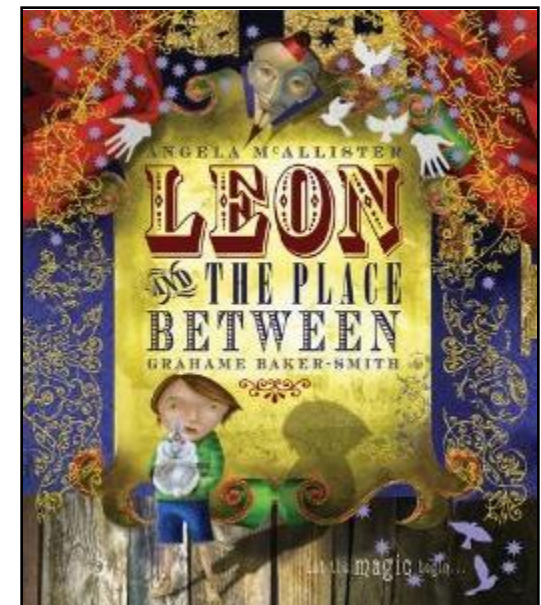
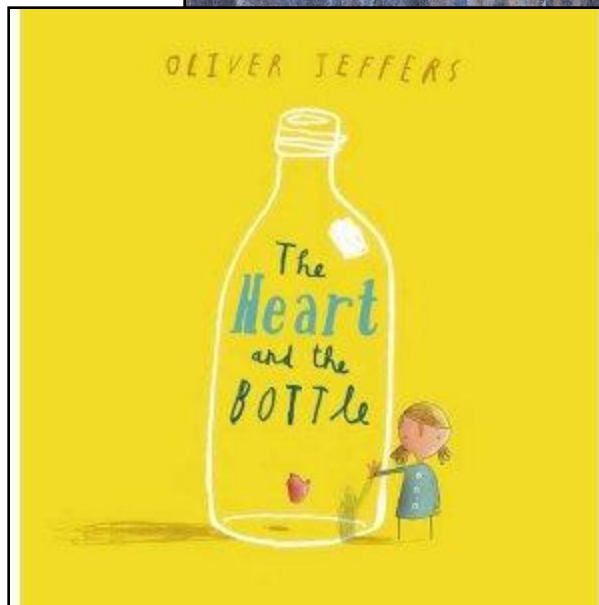
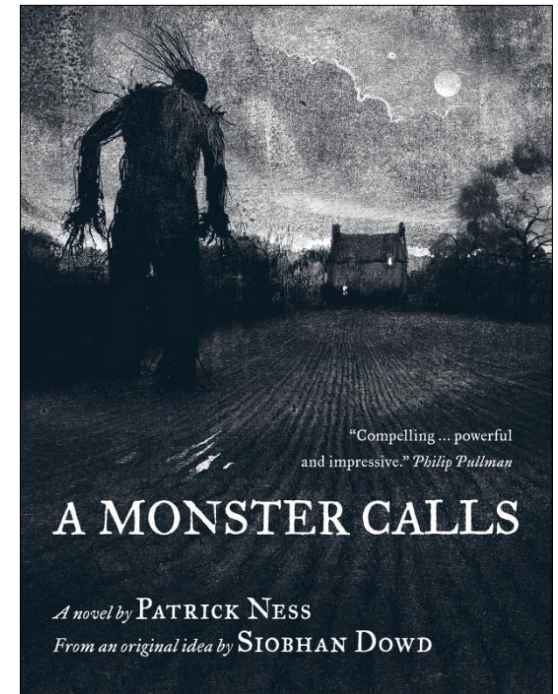
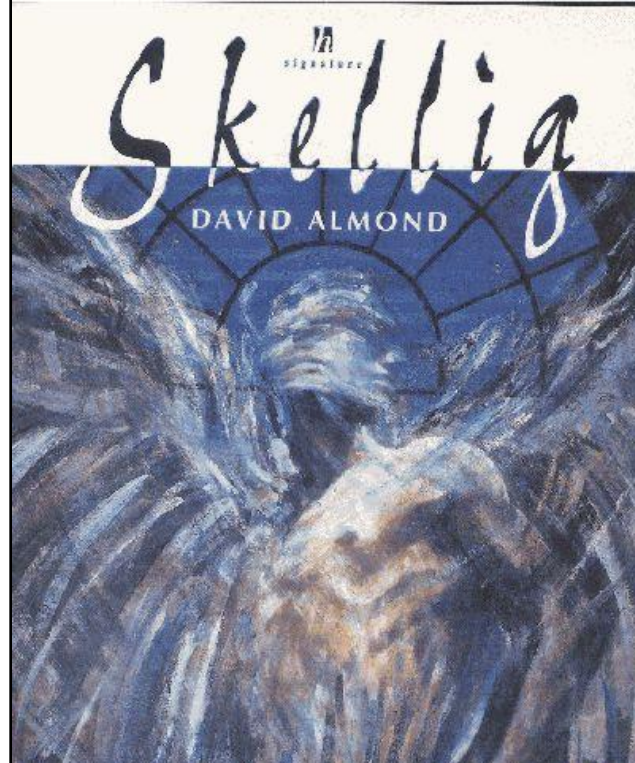
Why is reading for pleasure important?

- *‘There is a positive link between positive attitudes to reading and scoring well on reading assessments.’*
- *‘Reading enjoyment has been reported as more important for children’s educational success than their family’s socio-economic status.’*

Why is reading for pleasure important?

- *‘Regularly reading stories or novels outside of school is associated with higher scores in reading assessments.’*
- *‘Parents and the home environment are essential to the early teaching of reading and fostering a love of reading; children are more likely to continue to be readers in homes where books and reading are valued.’*

1. Get to know children's literature

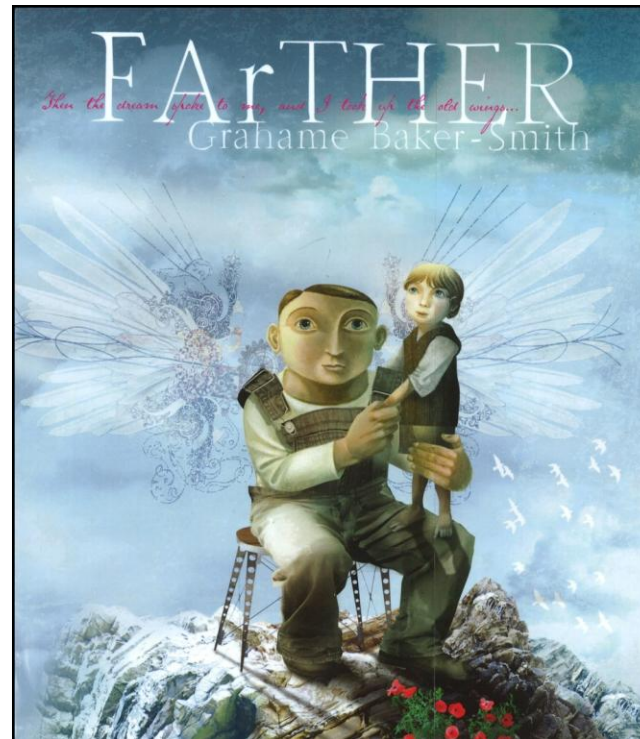
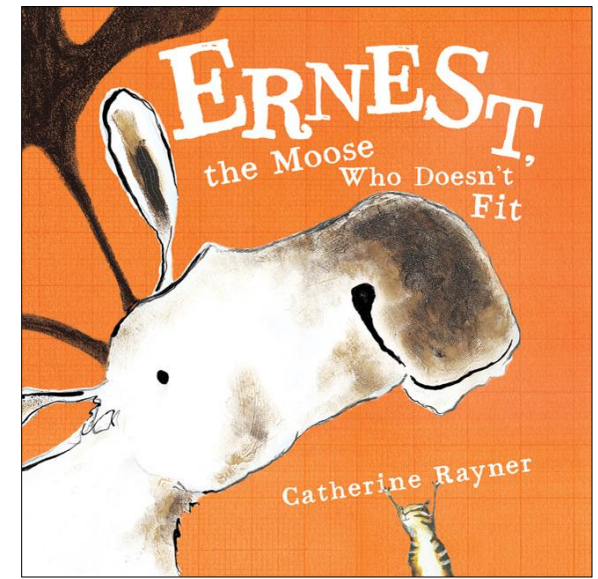


Take one picture book.....

- What do the words tell you?
- What do the images tell you?
- What do the characters' posture/ expression tell you?
- What do the colours contribute to the meaning?
- Is there anything you particularly like/ dislike about the double page spread?
- How does it make you feel? How does it do that?

2. Bathe them in books!

If you liked that, why not try...



3. Share your own reading and enthusiasm

- What do **you** like reading?
- What have you read recently that has been memorable or valuable to you? Share it.
- What sort of a reader are you? When do you read?
- Do you share your reading habits with your children?

4. Hear your child read and/or...?

- What else might you do?

4. Examine your prejudices!

- Picture books
- Reading on screen
- 'Airport' reading
- Repeat reading
- 'Easy' reading
- Stuck on one author

The Rights of the Reader

by Daniel Pennac

illustrated by Quentin Blake

5. Respect
the
reader's
rights



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 never will.



Good sources of information

- www.booksforkeeps.co.uk
- www.carouselguide.co.uk
- www.booktrust.org.uk
- www.lovereadng.co.uk
- www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk
- www.readingzone.co.uk
- www.literacytrust.co.uk