

Willerby Carr Lane - Sharing Stories, One Tonie at a Time



We dream big; we believe we can; we achieve excellence.

At Willerby Carr Lane, we are passionate about helping every child develop a love of stories and reading. Through shared storytelling, listening, talking about books and enjoying stories together, children build imagination, language and a lifelong enjoyment of reading.

This term, we are excited to be introducing Tonie Boxes as a new way to support shared storytelling at home. By listening to familiar and new stories, children can enjoy books in a relaxed, pressure-free way that suits all learners – including those who are still developing early reading skills or confidence. We encourage families to listen together, talk about the stories and enjoy this special time, knowing that every shared story helps build strong foundations for reading.

Your child will bring home a Tonie Box to celebrate their participation in stories and reading in school. This may include positive involvement or progress made in phonics or Reading Mastery lessons, joining in with story time at the end of the day, talking about books, reading regularly at home, or showing interest in texts linked to wider learning, such as history or RE. Willerby Carr Lane recognises that every child's reading journey is different and aims to encourage a positive relationship with stories.

Instructions:

Your child will bring home a Tonie Box with different story characters. Simply place the Tonie character on top of the box to start the story. The ears on the Tonie Box control the volume – squeeze the big ear to make it louder and the small ear to make it quieter. You can tap the sides of the box to move forwards or backwards through the story. We encourage you to listen together, talk about what you hear and enjoy the story at a relaxed pace. Please keep all parts together (Tonie Box, charger and Tonie characters) and return the Tonie Box to school on **Thursday** the following week so other children can enjoy it too.

