

Reading at St
John's Primary
School

1 in 5 children

in England can't read well

Statistics from Reading Agency 2014

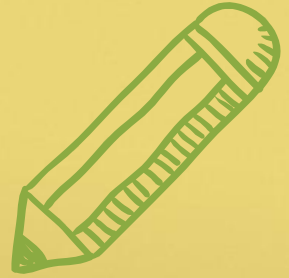


Why is reading important?

- ★ Reading encourages creativity and a sense of adventure
- ★ Reading can transport children to different places and times- escapism
- ★ Enjoying reading increases success with other reading related activities
- ★ It encourages empathetic thinking
- ★ Reading for pleasure can improve mental health
- ★ It improves communication abilities and longer-term educational outcomes
- ★ Reading increases knowledge and understanding of the world around us
- ★ Gives children breathing space away from technology



“Research shows that reading for pleasure can reduce the symptoms of depression, build empathy and help us build relationships with others.”





What do we do?

What do we do in school?

- ★ High-quality class texts
- ★ Guided Reading
- ★ Regular reading assessments
- ★ Sparkle books
- ★ Time for children to read quietly
- ★ Literature based curriculum
- ★ Encourage a love for reading
- ★ Well stocked library






What can you do?

What can you do at home?

- ★ Engage children in discussions about books
- ★ Listen to children read
- ★ Provide children with age-appropriate texts to read at home
- ★ Ask children about the books that they are using in school
- ★ Be a good model to children





How can we ensure
continuity between
school and home?

Reading Records

These are an important part of communicating the reading that is happening at home with your child's class teacher



New expectations with reading records

Reading records will now form part of the homework expectation at St John's primary school

Teachers will expect to see your child's reading record at least once a week

Comments should be written by an adult or child. If comments are written by a child, there must be an adult signature either against each comment, or at the bottom of each page



New expectations with reading records

If a reading record has not been seen during the week, the class teacher will contact you either through a telephone call or a conversation on the playground

Children should be reading for 20 minutes each evening

If you have any concerns with your child's progress in reading please make sure you let their teacher know



Any Questions?

Thank you for your continued
support

