

St George's C of E Primary School

Reading Re-launch



As a school, we are committed to promoting reading for pleasure in our children and it is important that parents are involved in this process. We hope the following information will guide you in understanding how we teach and develop reading across the school.

Class One and Two Reading Re-launch

Read Write Inc sessions.



Important note about fluency

The 'Book Bag books' and 'Follow Up Friday books' are matched directly to the sounds your child is learning. They should be able to read them independently with minimal support. This means they should be reading at 95%+ accuracy. This does not mean the book is too easy for them, it means they can decode and read it fluently.

In the Spring term we are excited to relaunch our school reading scheme! We are extremely grateful for the PTA for helping to fund this new project.

Every child in Early Years and KS1 follows the Read, Write, Inc phonics programme. Here is some background information about this programme and the benefits to your child...

Each day the children are involved in a half an hour reading/writing session that captures their understanding of phonics. We assess every child each half term to ensure that they are placed in the correct group, for their individual progress.

Moving forward, we will be sending home one Read, Write, Inc 'Book Bag' book, at the start of the week. The colour stage of their book will match their phonics group level.

Your child's Read Write Inc teacher has a focus book every week. This book is read each day, in their RWI groups to practise their sound blending, understanding of the words and also apply their comprehension skills. This leads to fluency of reading, by the end of the week and is then consolidated with our duplicate copy of this book, which your child can share with you at home – over the weekend. This is called the 'Follow Up Friday' book.

Wired to thrive on repetition

It's not the number of books you've got that matters, it's how much you love them that counts.

Young children are wired to thrive on repetition. They beg for their favourite stories and poems. "Please read Room on the Broom. Do your funny voices. Please, please, please!"

The more you hold back, the more they beg.

The more you read it, the more they love it.

They copy your emphases, silly voices, crazy actions.

You won't have to beg *them* to read at home, they'll beg to borrow the book

Ruth Miskin, Read Write Inc.

Top Tips for reading at home:

After reading, to make sure your child understands what they have read, get them to:

- Ask you a question that you will answer.
- Answer a question that you ask them.
- Talk about their favourite part.
- Summarise what has been read.

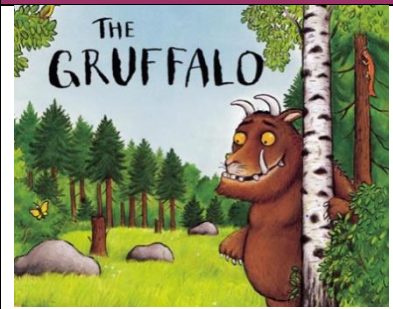
As well as this the children will also take home a third book, which they select themselves. For each year group, there will be a specific selection of age-appropriate books to choose from, including some of our Oxford Reading Tree books and other library books. Please bear in mind that this book is a 'reading for pleasure' book and should be shared with parental support as the content may go beyond your child's current reading ability. You can support them in tackling unfamiliar words and discussing the storyline.

You make such a difference. Let your children see you read and set aside time to share books together.

Once we have a confirmed start date, we will invite you all to a parent's 'reading relaunch meeting' to show you how this will work, in practice.

Thank you in advance for your continued support with these changes.

Storytelling Club



In the Spring term Mrs Crouch will be running a Storytelling club. This will be for Early Years and Year One. The aim of this club is to promote a love of reading and enrich their vocabulary. This will be achieved by sharing a range of books written by popular children's authors.

Get Caught Reading...

To celebrate our love of reading we have a reading challenge for you over the Christmas holidays.

You need to be 'Caught Reading' and have a photo taken! It can be at home, in the park – on a slide, in the snow (if we have any!), special family days out or in a tree etc – make it as exciting as possible. All the photographs will be placed on our new 'Get Caught Reading' display and once we have received everyone's entries, we will decide a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

All entries need to be received by the 20th of January. The photographs need to be handed into the office, in an envelope that says 'Get Caught Reading Challenge' your child's name and their class.

School staff are more than welcome to get involved too!

Have fun! Mrs Crouch and Mrs Clyde Roberts.