



# Reading Workshop

- To give information about Literacy Planet and what you can do at home.
- To demonstrate how reading is taught in school, focussing on key skills for each year group.
- The book banding system.
- To provide information about phonics for new Reception parents.



Research shows that reading to a young child is the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education.



In order to support you working with your children at home we have invested in a new online programme.



Similarly to 'MyMaths', children will have access to their own choice of games and activities as well as those set by the teacher for homework.



# Library

We have been trying to revamp our library. After some internal alterations, we have spent a lot of money on new books.

Each week, children will have an opportunity to visit the library and choose an extra book to take home. This book can be read independently or shared with their family. This book is purely for enjoyment and will not be levelled.

Encouraging children to read widely and develop their own interests will support them to be readers in adulthood.

# Reading Records

The reading records that come home with the children are also designed to be an aid. In the middle of them, you will find key information about phonics and grammar. Please familiarise yourselves with these so that you can support your child with their Reading and English homework.

## New Parent Booklet

We have put together a new booklet to support you when you are listening to and reading with your child at home. It goes through the different colour bands that we have in school and will give you some ideas of the expectations at each level. It also provides ways to support your child at that level.

# Workshop

Each class teacher is now going to demonstrate a small group reading session that will cover the key skills for their year group. These key skills are also displayed near the reading group for your reference.

Each demonstration will take place twice, to give you the option of watching and listening to more than one year group if you wish.

Please observe silently and ask any questions that you might have later. Also, please fill in a Parent Workshop Evaluation Sheet before leaving, to help us plan further useful workshops.

After the two demonstrations there will be an opportunity to find out further information about the teaching and use of phonics for parents new to St Vincent's who wish to stay. This is a repeat of the phonics and reading workshop that took place last year.

# Reading strategies

	blend	Phonemes	Picture	Clues	Syllables	Punctuation	
	<b>Reading Strategies</b>						
Reading		Use the pictures for clues.		Use the punctuation to help it to make sense.		Look to see if the word is similar to one you know.	Sentence
Strategies		Sound out and blend the letters.		Go back and read it again if you don't understand.		Imagine what is happening.	Read on
Re read		Look for smaller words hiding inside bigger words.		Read on to see if you can make sense of the word.		Ask questions that will help you if you don't understand	listen
Similar		Cut up the words into syllables.		Listen to the words as you read them.		Know your mistakes and put them right.	Meaning
	Spotting	Go back	familiar	imaging	talk	questions	

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# Reading strategies

Reading is taught through phonics.

Some words can't be decoded with phonics-tricky words and high frequency words can be learnt.

They might need other strategies to work these words out, including looking at context, sounding out some of the word if part of it is regular and using that to work out the rest of it, and thinking of other words that look the same and could provide clues.

To help with comprehension, make sure you don't just listen to your child read - ask them some questions about the book too and make observations yourself.

# Top Tips for reading at home

Set aside a special time each day when you can give your full attention to reading with your child.

Building a regular story time into your child's routine will help them to develop a love of books.



# Top Tips for reading at home

Encourage your child to choose a book they want to read. All the children are now able to choose their own reading books to bring home but these should only be a supplement to other things they are reading.



# Top Tips for reading at home

Praise your child's efforts, remind them of the strategies they know and encourage them to 'have a go'.

With any words that your child is repeatedly struggling with, make a note of them and practise them separately before starting their book.



# Top Tips for reading at home

Talk about what you've read. This boosts their imagination and gives you the opportunity to pick up on any new vocabulary and check that they understand what they are reading.



# Top Tips for reading at home

Enjoy reading everywhere, 'think outside the book'!

Words are all around us, encourage your child to read traffic signs, shop names, adverts, cereal packets, TV guides.

E-readers and interactive books are now adding further to the wealth of exciting opportunities for children to read.



# Top Tips for reading at home

Have fun!

Children love it when their parents play with them and praise them. If you have fun reading stories then chances are your child will too!

If you think you need extra help or guidance just ask, we're always happy to help.





Good  
readers  
**LOVE**  
reading!