

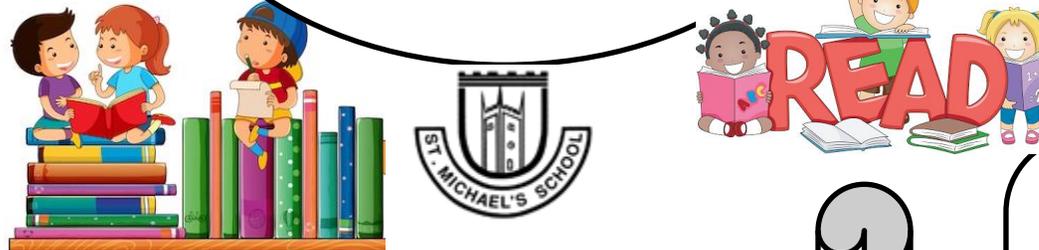
# The Love and Importance of Reading

We feel that reading with your child at home is an essential part of their learning. Discussing books and providing reading opportunities outside of the classroom will help to foster a lifelong love of reading.

We recognise the importance of reading and how the success of this is essential for all of our children. We need to work together, to ensure that every child can reach their full potential at school, at home and in life.

Reading plays a huge and essential part in a child's journey to becoming lifelong learners.

Your child is rewarded in school for reading regularly at home. Please support them to do this and record in their reading diaries every time they read.



"There is no substitute for books in the life of a child." – May Ellen Chase

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." – Margaret Fuller

"Reading is not optional." – Walter Dean Myers

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." – Frederick Douglass

Our goal is to motivate children to want to read so they will practice reading independently and, thus, become fluent readers.

Knowledge is power, and books are full of it. But reading is more than just a practical tool. Through books we can enrich our minds; we can also relax and enjoy some precious leisure moments.

By working together, our children can grow into adults who read easily and frequently whether for business, knowledge, or pleasure.

"There is no more important activity for preparing your child to succeed as a reader than reading aloud together. Fill your story times with a variety of books. Be consistent, be patient, and watch the magic work."

Bernice Cullinan



# Help Your Child With Reading



## Make Time

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together. Reading daily will increase your child's reading ability, fluency and understanding. This will ensure they can access the wider curriculum.

## Fun, Fun, Fun!

Enjoy reading together. Give characters' funny voices and engage with the pictures. You could create some art, music, drama or writing based on a favourite book that you have shared.

## Share the Love of Reading

Be seen reading:

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper or magazine articles, food labels... anything that is part of your daily life.

## Ask Questions

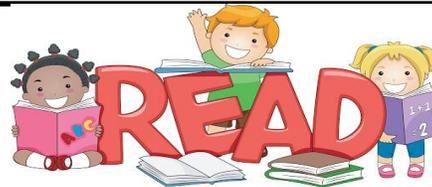
Ask questions about the story as you read together to help develop your child's reading comprehension skills.

What might happen?  
Who are the characters?  
Can you predict the ending?  
What was your favourite part? Why?

## Vocabulary

Children need to hear and read new vocabulary before they can use and understand it in their own talking and writing.

Children are encouraged to find and use new, ambitious vocabulary in their classrooms through our 'Words We've Caught' displays. Children are also welcome to share words that they have learnt and found at home. Talk to your child about any new words, you could record these in their reading diaries.



## Why read 20 minutes at home?

Child A Reads	Child B Reads	Child C Reads
20 minutes a day	5 minutes a day	1 minute a day
3600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,000,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8000 words per year
If a Child starts reading for 20 minutes a day per night in Reception, by the end of Year 6 Child A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Child B will have read for 22 days and Child C will have read for 3.		
Want to be a better reader? Simply read!		
10 Minutes reading to someone 10 minutes sharing or being read to = 20 minutes		