

## St Paul's C of E Junior School

## Reading Information Evening

Thursday $20^{\text {th }}$ September 2018


There is strong evidence linking reading for pleasure and educational outcomes.

Excellence in almost any academic subject requires strong reading skills - becoming a lifetime reader is based on developing a deep love of reading.

Students who read 20+ minutes per day outside of school score in the $90^{\text {th }}$ percentile of their peers.

Students who read 5 minutes per day out of school drop to the $50^{\text {th }}$ percentile even with the same in-school instruction.

Students who read for 1 minute per day out of school fall below the $10^{\text {th }}$ percentile.


High reading engagement equals high reading
scores for all socioeconomic groups


## Studies have found that reading for pleasure is more important to a child's educational achievement than their family's wealth or social class.

Research carried out for The Reading Agency found strong evidence that reading for pleasure can also result in:
-increased empathy;
-improved relationships with others; -reductions in symptoms of depression and dementia; -and improved wellbeing.

If reading is a pleasure, children will not see it as 'work' but as a way of accessing a wealth of information and opening doors to other worlds.



Those who believe themselves not to be good at reading often find it difficult to reverse their negative attitudes towards it.

Children who fail to make the necessary progress see the gap between their reading and that of their peers widening and consequently, their negative attitudes harden.

## THE SKILLED READING PROCESS

Background knowledge
Vocabulary

Language structures
Verbal reasoning
Literacy knowledge
Sight recognition
Decoding
Phonological awareness


Competent decoders do not always understand what they are reading.


## St Paul's Reading Culture

- Class novels
- DEAR sessions
- Book Talk
- Guided Reading
- Paired Reading
- Vocabulary development
- Word of the Day


## St Paul's Reading Culture

- Adults reading with children
- Adults actively modelling reading and book talk
- Informal book discussion
- Reading and Thinking groups
- Developing fluency initiative
- Lunchtime drop-in Reading Room
- Home Learning



## CLASS READERS

| 3F | Stig of the Dump Clive King |
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| 3G | The BFG Roald Dahl |
| 3H | Stig of the Dump Clive King |
| 4A | Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone JK Rowling |
| 4B | Night Zookeeper and the Spying Giraffes Joshua Davidson |
| 4M | Tumbleweed Dick King-Smith |
| 5K | The Astounding Broccoli Boy Frank Cottrell Boyce |
| 5P | Wed Wabbit Lissa Evans |
| 5S | The Nowhere Emporium Ross MacKenzie |
| 6D | Pax Sara Pennypacker |
| 6L | All the Things that Can Go Wrong Stewart Foster |
| 6W | The Explorer Katherine Rundell |



## Drop Everything And Read


... making reading part of our everyday routine.

## B○ K TALK




## IMAGINING

We learn about the inner thoughts of the character when ...


I really felt that swans and other people weren't helping Gracie and Daniel. I felt kind of sad and a sense of mystery.

The main character is illustrated in a way that made me think that he is very strong-minded and possibly clever.

I think Bert done it.

A powerful feeling of uncertainty overcomes the reader because Gracie feels "excluded, even hurt by this," as the Birdman and Daniel form a closer connection and she feels a little left out - "Daniel invented that year a whole new private language."

The main character (Jan) is underdeveloped by the author because he has not been illustrated in a way that makes you warm to him. The author has not given a back story or evidence of Jan's parentage. We barely know anything about him.

The main character is underdeveloped because he acts brave but is scared and anxious. On the one hand, he starts shivering to show he is scared and holds his cardboard sword. On the other hand, he shouts, "l've got a sword and I'm not afraid to use it."

## GUIDED READING

## Vocabulary

Inference
Prediction
Explanation (of authorial intent or impact on reader)
Retrieval
Summarising and Sequencing

## GUIDED READING

Activities include:

- discussing likes, dislikes, puzzles and patterns;
- making links with the children's own lives and experiences;
- acting out what is being read as it is read aloud;
- conversations over the garden gate;
- hot-seating;
- freeze frames;
- voicing thoughts;
- agony aunt;
- and conscience alley.



## PAIRED READING



Peer tutoring - children working together to promote learning.

The attainment differential means that if the tutee gets stuck, the tutor should have the experience and ability to assist.

Research has shown that tutors tend to get even more benefit than tutees during this process:

- they need to think about a topic, deconstruct what they know about it and then explain it in a straightforward manner to the tutee;
- and they may be able to see where the tutee is going wrong in their work, whereas awareness of their own errors may be more problematic.


## PAIRED READING

Some of the reported benefits of peer tutoring have been:

- increased attainment in reading;

- enhanced motivation;
- improved self-esteem; enhanced interpersonal, social and teamwork skills;
- greater awareness of the needs of others;
- better developed communication skills;
- an enhanced sense of citizenship;
- enhanced social cohesiveness and reduced social exclusion for classes as a whole;
- and better social, communication and teamwork skills.


## Aspects of Paired Reading




The way of words, of knowing and loving words, is a way to the essence of things, and to the essence of knowing.

John Donne

Vocabulary knowledge is vital for reading success - it is an integral part of the skilled reading process.

Alongside socio-economic status, vocabulary is one of the most significant factors in children achieving an $A^{*}$ to $C$ grade in mathematics, English language and English Literature. (2017)

Some children can decode effectively but they still struggle to comprehend a text because they have specific vocabulary deficits and significant gaps in their background knowledge.

Vocabulary knowledge is essential for reading comprehension success whilst comprehension is also necessary for developing vocabulary. The ultimate aim of reading is understanding - therefore, comprehension is what we are after in the classroom, and beyond, when reading.

What is the percentage of words known in a text that ensures reading comprehension?

'If we consider each circle to be a moat which the children must cross before they are able to access the skills within the innermost circles, then we see clearly that they will not get very far if they do not understand the meanings on the words on the page.'

Penny Slater


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"Education depends upon reading, and all reading depends upon vocabulary."

## High-vocabulary pupils:

* know more words
* know more about words
* Comprehend what they read better
* Have improved cognitive processing

"The more general academic language pupils have,
the better equipped they are to read a range of texts.
Introduce words twough
explanations in every day
connected language, lather
than dictionary definitious
Eg. abhor is to really hate athing

@lmpactWales
Provide many encounters with target words.

Require pupils to notice $\&$ record real-world use of target words outside the classroom.

Provide examples, situations $\frac{1}{4}$ questions that are interesting



## Vocobulary ninja

## Word of the Day: gingerly (advere)

Definition: If you do something gingerly, you do it in a careful manner, usually because you expect it to be dangerous, unpleasant, or painful.

Gingerly, she made her way across the narrow, rotten floorboards.


## Synonyms:

## Antonyms:

Challenge: Write a sentence that starts with the adverb gingerly.
"Research has repeatedly shown that motivation to read decreases with age, especially if pupils' attitudes towards reading become less positive... If children do not enjoy reading when they are young, then they are unlikely to do so when they get older."

The National Literacy Trust



Shared reading experiences are highly beneficial for young people.

Benefits include:

- facilitating enriched language exposure;
- fostering the development of listening skills, spelling, reading comprehension and vocabulary;
- and establishing essential literacy skills.

They are also valued as a shared social opportunity between parents and their children to foster positive attitudes toward reading.
'When children get older and learn to read for themselves, it can be tempting for parents to step back and let them continue their reading adventures alone. However, research shows the enjoyment of reading, developed through shared reading time with parents or carers, has a significant positive impact on a wide range of life outcomes, including social, personal, health and wellbeing, and educational.'



- Children hear better than they read.
- Reading aloud stimulates vocabulary growth.
- Reading together offers parents and children good quality time spent 1:1
- Reading aloud shows us we're not so different from others after all.


## Role of parents and the home environment

Key Dfe findings include:

- Parental involvement in a child's literacy is a more powerful force than other family background variables, such as social class, family size and level of parental education (Flouri and Buchanan, 2004)
- Children whose home experiences promote the view that reading is a source of entertainment are likely to become intrinsically motivated to read (Baker, Serpell and Sonnenschein, 1995)
- Children are more likely to continue to be readers in homes where books and reading are valued (Baker and Scher, 2002)
- Parents' engagement has a positive impact on pupil progress. Primary children whose parents read a book with their child "every day or almost every day" performed higher than children whose parents reported that they had done this "never or almost never" or just "once or twice a month".



Many of the most successful children at secondary school, college and university were well-equipped and highly-skilled readers, with wide-ranging vocabulary, comfortable comprehension etc. prior to leaving the primary phase -
this is our aim for every child!

## Around 15 per cent, or 5.1 million adults in England, can be described as 'functionally illiterate.'

They would not pass an English CCSE and have literacy levels at or below those expected of an 11-year-old.

## HOME READING CULTURE

Let them catch you reading for pleasure.

## DEAR

Read aloud to your child every day.
Discuss what you are reading and what your child is reading.

Read children's books yourself.
Use your local library for books and audio CDs.
Have a house with a healthy reading diet, a wide variety of text types.


## A picture paints a thousand words



The visual aspect of an illustrated work can be a powerful medium for both storytelling and teaching. It can have a dramatic impact on comprehension at all levels and boost composition skills. Graphic novels and picture books form an important part of the broader reading diet of primary children.


## Read Aloud Tips:

The amount of time you spend reading together is up to you - 20 minutes is ideal.

You may want to choose to read a chapter each night, or perhaps read a poem or an essay.

Leave time for discussion.

Choose a book you too will enjoy reading. You should be able to convey your enjoyment to your child.

When reading aloud to your child, the best time is when you have cleared away your responsibilities so you don't feel rushed or tense. Your child's sense of enjoyment comes in part from the enjoyment you convey when you read aloud. If you are stressed, you are not going to have a good time reading to your child and your child will not enjoy listening to you either.

Find a book that you do not have to struggle to read. The language should feel comfortable and easy in your mouth. You do not want to have to stop to look up pronunciations and definitions because this will interrupt the flow and make your reading stilted and unpleasant to hear.

## Choosing 'Just Right' books

Use the Five Finger Test


- Put 5 digits on the page
- Read the words under each digit
- Repeat the process over four pages

Add up the total number of mistakes:

- 1 or less = book is too easy
- 2 - 3 = book is 'Just Right'
- 4 or more $=$ book is too hard

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## Questions to use <br> when reading with your child

The questions reflect the way books are discussed in school and will help your child gain a deeper understanding of the texts they share with you.

I can discuss the structure and organisation of the text

How do headings help you?
What can you say about the layout of this?
What do you think ahnut the title2
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Tell me how
If you were
I can understand, describe, select or retrieve information or ideas from the text I am reading

Where does the story take place?
When does the story take place?
What is the -n+1:-- I:LO-n
Who are the

What does t
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Can you tell
How do you
Can you find
Can you desi What is this

I can suggest what the writer's purpose and viewpoint is

Can you think of other books you have read which are like this one? How are they alike?
Why has the author chosen this setting?
How does the author try to influence what you think of this character?
Why does the author want to make you feel this way?
What is the purpose of this paragraph? (e.g to move things on)
What question would you like to ask the author of this book?
What can you tell about what the author thinks?
Does the article/story try to get you to care about anything or anyone?
Who is this writing for?
What is it trying to persuade the reader to do?


## Reading Record

Including a Guide for the Reading Helper


Including pages to support reading and writing

## Top Tips for the Reader

Now that you are a confident reader, you need to
Read a wide range of fiction (e.g. legends and modem stories) and non-fiction books.
Choose books that you find interesting and
Moke sure you understand what you are row
Here are some top tips to heip you with your rea

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2) In the spaces at the bottom of each readie tridky words or new words you have dsed of new words by using a dictionary.
Join a blbrary if you can and spend some jorget to recommand great books to your you think the books are warth reading.
3) If you are struggling to understand what - Read ove the difficult parts again.) Slow your reading down a littie. - Ask sameone to read with you andita - Look at any pictures to see if theoe ar
(5) M Make sure you know the differgice botwed what is fact and what is somsone's opinile
When you have finistied a book, it is impor that you have understood ewerghing. You one of these activities:
Tell the story in your own worces Draw pictares of scenes or choracters Write a iefter to a character from the Describe a character from the book, if characters fevings and thoughts. Try asking yoursey some questions ab (see the next page).

## Questions About Your Book

Try asking yoursel
you are reading.

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## Before you start

Why did you choose this book?
What do you think will happen in the stoni
If this is a non-fiction book, what do you hope to find out?
Halfway through
What has happered so far?
Who are the moin characters?
How do you think the main characters are feeiing now?
How would you deseribe che steny so far?
(For example it couid be funny or exating,
What might happen next?
Cuastions about nonfiction books
What have you learned so far?
What are you hoping to fnd out next
What is the most interesting thing you hove learned?
the end
Did you enjeg this book
What was the best part of the story?
Would you recommend this book to a friend?
Why would you recommend it, or why woulidn't you?
Would you choose more books by the same author? af so, you couid laok for some)
Figurative Language

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The Building Blocks of Sentences

We use nouns to give names to psopla, places and things. Proper nouns seart with capital lifters and they
names of porticular people (Joe, Amy)
piace names (Spain, London)
doys and months (Monday, July) Common nouns such as chlld, town and mos Nours can aiso be countable (book, toy) or no Noun Phrases
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 Examples: Jane went to school $\rightarrow$ She wett Pronouns like mime and yours aro called posse something beiongs to. Example: Yours is the


Determiners give umportant information about Examples: the a, an the picture was an
this, that - that book is fanta
some, every = seme noisy propie my , your stry name is Som

Adjectives descober things (nouns). They can Adjectives describer things inouns)
'slace' 'how moril' and iots more Examples: The blue pencil. An enormous bo

## Verbs

Verbs often tell us what someone of something Verbs have ifferent tensal
Examples: I feel fuil. (Present tense) They wa


National Curriculum Word List for Years 5-6
You are expected to know thase words by the end of Year b. Tick $\checkmark$ each word when you know the meaning $\mid 1 /$ and when you know the speliing 5 P

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### 14.9.18

The Wordsmith -Patricia Forde p21-27
Self-corrected errors independently and answered questions about the first chapter, demonstrating excellent understanding of what he had read.

18.9.18

Stig of the Dump - Clive King p21-34
Good discussion about events in the story and retold the story
in detail. Would benefit from reading the chapter again to improve fluency.
2.3.18The 100 Mile an Hour Dog - Jeremy Strong p 24 - 28 Enjoying the humour in this story and read eagerly. Took note of the punctuation.




## Reading

Read aloud to an adult for 20 minutes at least 4 times every week. During your reading, make sure you have answered at least 3 questions from different sections of the Reading Prompts booklet. Then, discuss how you feel about what you have read.

Ask the adult to write a comment in your Reading Record.

## Spelling

Explain this week's spelling pattern to an adult. Discuss words that follow it and make a list of examples that you have found in your reading. Remember to take your list into school on Friday.
-able -ably
Word of the Day
Share your class's word of the day with your family. Explain what it means and try to impress them by using it appropriately in coversation. Challenge them to find synonyms (words with a similar meaning).

## Multiplication and Division Tables

Practise the multiplication and division table you are currently working on. Ask an adult to challenge you with lots of different questions so you are ready for your weekly test.

If you'd like to extend yourself further, read more widely around the topics you are currently learning about in class.

The following links may be useful.
Education City
Topmarks Maths
BBC Bitesize


