



ST PAULINUS
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers of KS2,

Reading is an essential skill for a successful future. At St. Paulinus, we value reading and place reading for pleasure on a pedestal. In School, we teach reading daily through phonics, guided group reading, whole class reading or individual reading with an adult. We want our pupils to have a life long love of reading; a hobby to help them relax and unwind.

Your child may receive a scheme reading book from class when they first begin their KS2 reading journey. This will be changed once your child has finished reading the book. As your child progresses through KS2, we encourage our children to choose books from the School Library, Class Libraries and from home. We will also be launching 'Accelerated Reader' very soon and we are excited about how this resource will further help your child on their reading journey. It is important that your child becomes familiar with a wide range of genres, so we do guide and encourage them with reading anything from poetry to newspapers. We respect each child's interests, though, as we know that by reading something they are interested in, a child will be more than likely to see reading as an enjoyable activity.

Your role in helping your child to be a confident and successful reader is really important. They will read their books in school with an adult, as well as reading other types of texts in different ways. We ask that your child also reads these books at home **at least 4 times per week**. Sitting with your child and sharing a book is a great way to consolidate the skills that they have been learning in class.

Discussing the text, and focusing on meanings of words, sentences and characters etc. is another essential element of being a successful reader. This is often best done once your child has finished reading a page of their book. On our website, there are links to the Open University research about 'Book Chat' and the importance of talking about the books that we read with children. It has some super suggestions for the types of discussion that you may have with your child about their reading book and other books that you share together.

Once you have listened to your child read, please comment on the pages they have read and how they did with their reading in their Reading Record. It is useful for us in School to know aspects which your child was most or less confident with, including if you have discussed the meaning of any new words. Please make sure that your child brings their reading book into School every day.

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Finally, we ask that you help your child to complete an activity from the 'Reading Menu' which teachers have posted on Google Classroom. The idea is that your child works their way through the menu over the course of the term, choosing a wide variety of tasks linked to the books that they will be bringing home. Activities, such as designing a new book cover or creating questions to ask the main character, are typical of the kinds of activities that are on the reading menu. These activities can be done in your child's Home Book, which stays at home, with photos of their tasks uploaded onto Google Classroom for the teachers to see.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Bircham
English Subject Lead.

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