



EYFS St Clement's Reading Magazine

A half termly newsletter full of ideas to help your child become a better reader.

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Welcome to our half termly magazine focused on the wonders of reading.

This magazine will give you information about reading in school as well as ideas of ways to enrich reading experiences at home.

We believe that every child has the potential to be an amazing reader who loves books. Let's work together to make that happen for every child at St Clement's and St John's Infant School.

Home Reading Books

Currently the children in Reception are learning the sounds for each of the English letters. They will be bringing home a letter sheet each day for you to practice with them at home.

Please practice all the letters as often as you can.

Your children will not yet bring books home. These will be sent in bookbags once your child had confidently learnt sounds and has begun to blend them into words.



Phonics Learning

Phonics is where the children learn the sounds of letter or groups of letters. If you want to remind yourself of the sounds your child is learning and how to pronounce them correctly, have a look at this support video:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q



Reading Rewards

Each year we have a different theme for the reading challenges.

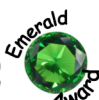
This year we will be completing the GEMS challenges!

Children will work through the stages : Emerald, Ruby and Diamond. After Diamond there is an additional challenge booklet called the 'Treasure Hunt Challenge'.



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Reading Gems Challenge



On each day that you read with your child, please can you initial and date a box below. When your child has read 25 or 50 times and has shown their teacher this card they will receive a smelly bookmark or certificate in Family Worship (Thursdays). Every time your child reads, could you still write a brief comment in their reading record, to let us know how they are doing.

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Each day that you read with your child, or practice their letter sounds **date and sign a square** on the special reading chart. Only once per day please.

Every day you read, the more prizes you will earn! Each Gem level is designed to last for 1 term but you can take longer to complete them if needed. The children will be rewarded for the stage that they are on throughout the year.

Please aim to read with your child a minimum of **THREE TIMES PER WEEK.**

Caught Reading!



Reading Support Cards

We have created a parent / carer support card for each reading colour band.

They give you a few ideas of things to focus on when reading and sharing your child's school book.

The class teachers will put a card (for you to keep) into your child's bookbag when they are first moved onto a new reading book colour.

Reception children will get these once they start bringing home levelled books



Email your own 'Caught Reading' photos to be published in the next edition.

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Bedtime Reading Books

Bedtime is a perfect time to snuggle up and share a lovely relaxing bedtime story. Children love to hear stories read to them and it helps to develop their imagination, learn new words and unwind after a day. Reading a soothing bedtime storybook together, will help them to relax ready for a good nights sleep, which is every parents' dream!

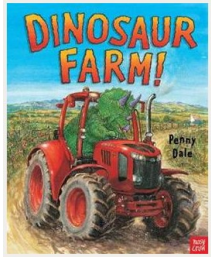
Our School Bedtime Book Initiative

Every Friday, children will be able to choose a bedtime story from their class to take home for you to read to them over the weekend. This will be in addition to their usual coloured reading books which they will continue to read at home. The bedtime reading books need to be **returned on a FRIDAY**. The children will be free to then choose a new book from the special bedtime reading book box. Your child cannot have a new book without returning their previous book. Please look after these books so that others can enjoy them too.

These books are a great chance for you to share a new book at bedtime. The aim is for the adult to read to the child and to spend time together enjoying a good book!

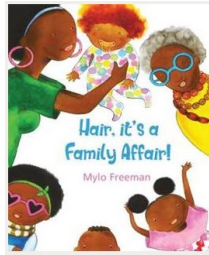


Dinosaur Farm! by Penny Dale



A glorious mash-up of dinosaurs and farm life, this picture book is pitched perfectly at children who obsess over both. Who doesn't want to see a Tyrannosaurus rex in a combine harvester?

Hair, it's a family affair! Mylo Freeman



This celebration of black hair, demonstrating the variety of hairstyles found in a single family, is another delightful read from Mylo Freeman: full of vibrant illustration and some simple text about elements of everyday life.

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Read books online - choose one from the bank on this website. You will need to register for a free account. Let us know which books are your favourite.

<https://pbskids.org/oddsquad/games/button-bop>



This is a great game to develop memory skills

Phonics Challenge

Match the animal to the sound it begins with

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