



*Succeeding Together
in Faith and Love*

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Reading

Reading in School

We love to read in St. Andrew's and do everything in our power to ensure your child will leave us as a confident, fluent reader, who has a good understanding of what they have read. To do this, we use a variety of methods. The information below details the approaches your child will use linking to the books they bring home, whilst also indicating where your child is working at this time.

Reading at Home

Your child will come home with two books - book 1 will either be a Read Write Inc. book or a reading scheme book, book 2 will be a 'sharing book'. Children are expected to bring in their book bag daily. This gives us the best opportunity to read with them often and change their books according to the timetable they follow in their phonic sessions (which varies from 2-5 days). It also means we can change their 'sharing book' more often also. It is imperative that these books are read at home each evening and are returned to us each day. Children will also come home with a reading record book, this book is for you to write any comments about your child's reading at home. We understand that there may be times when you forget to bring in book bags, please be advised if this does happen you will be contacted and reminded to bring books back when you pick your child up at home time.

Read Write Inc. – book 1

To learn how to read, we use a programme called Read Write Inc. Children begin to learn the sounds of words as early as Nursery. In Reception, children will begin the Read Write Inc. programme by blending sounds together to read words. They will remain on this programme until they are able to identify all sounds and blend confidently, this could be in Year 1 or 2, with some recapping in Year 3 where required.

On the programme, children will learn new sounds each week and practise these sounds using RWInc books in school. We will then send a corresponding RWInc book home; this book will have a different story but the same sounds as the book in school. Children should be familiar with all words in these books and be able to read them alone. These books may seem 'easy', however they are designed to encourage successful, independent reading at home and reinforce what is being learnt in school. There may be a charge if books are not returned.

Reading Scheme – book 1

Once your child has successfully completed the Read Write Inc. programme, we use Oxford Reading Tree to monitor the fluency of children's reading. Children work their way through the colour banded books, increasing their fluency, vocabulary and understanding.



Once they have progressed through the bands, they will then become a 'free reader', choosing books from their class libraries.

Reading Scheme books contain some words the children may not have learnt. These books are designed to challenge children, which means they may need support with unfamiliar words.

Sharing Book – book 2

The sharing book is a book your child has chosen from our reading corner, it is a book that your child may not be able to read independently. We request that this book is read to your child, this is an opportunity for you to model how books should be read and enjoyed together. You may have this book for 2-5 evenings, please be advised that it is important to reread books, this reinforces vocabulary and offers a chance for children to read along with parts they have remembered, mirroring your tone, speed and intonation.

We hope you and your child love reading as much as we do, please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have about reading in St Andrew the Apostle.

The RWInc and reading scheme colour bands are pictured below if you would like to follow your child's progress.



RWInc

RWInc colour bands, thin strip on side of book.



Reading Scheme colour bands, usually on back of book.





Reading Scheme

Miss Ryan

Miss Brown

Reading Lead

Phonics Lead