

Our Reading Aims:

We believe that reading is a vital skill that will support children's learning across the whole curriculum.

As a school, we ensure that our children are taught to read with fluency, accuracy and understanding through a variety of discreet and cross-curricular learning opportunities.



Get lost in a good book!

At English Martyrs, we believe that a child's reading skills are important to their success in school and their future life. In addition, reading can be a fun and imaginative time for children, which opens doors to all kinds of new worlds for them. *The best readers are the best writers - we read as writers and write as readers!*



Enjoy reading together!

Top Tips!



Reading at Home:

- ✓ Choose a quiet space, away from distractions and use lots of praise.
- ✓ Reading should never be a battle! Get into a routine and make the expectation clear.
- ✓ If your child is struggling on a word, encourage them to sound out, and read on and come back to it.
- ✓ If your child is still unsure, tell them the word and discuss its meaning.
- ✓ *The meaning of words in the context of the text is really important, so discuss the meaning of any unfamiliar words with your child.*
- ✓ Discuss the book together and state likes and dislikes.



"We shouldn't teach great books, we should teach a great love of reading"

B.F. Skinner

Above all, we want children in our school to become enthusiastic, independent and reflective readers.

We want ALL children to enjoy and love reading.

Reading improves with practice, so regular reading at school and home will help your child to become a better reader. Please use your child's reading journal to record each time you have heard your child read.

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Find a quiet 10-15 minutes most days for your child to read with you.

Reading is not just about decoding (working out the words) as understanding the text is equally important. Therefore, it is important that you discuss the text with your child. This is especially necessary as your child progresses and reads books more independently.

Reading Journals:

Write the name of the book, the date and the page your child has read up to.

Leave comments for the teacher in school to read including how well your child has read.



Reading Lists:

We have suggested reading lists for children in all age groups that can be viewed from the **Class Pages** on our school website under the **Pupils** menu.

Or visit the **Reading** page from the **Our Learning** section:
www.englishmartyrs.co.uk/reading

Like to know more?

Please speak to your child's teacher for any questions or support with their reading or visit:

www.englishmartyrs.co.uk

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Reading at Home

A Family Guide

Through Christ we believe, inspire, achieve.