

# SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## Reading Update

On our return to school, the government highlighted that Reading, in all primary schools, should be a priority. Here, at St John and Monica Catholic Primary School, we have always placed great importance on the value of developing the reading skills of our pupils with the hope that they will become confident, lifelong readers who choose to read for pleasure and enjoyment. We are ensuring that we continue promote reading with the children in school and we have also prioritised a Reading Recovery programme to ensure that all children have opportunities to improve a range of reading skills every day.

### **We wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of the ways in which you can support your child's reading development:**

- Children in every year group bring home books to read that are tailored to their current reading level. In all years, children should read at home every day and their reading should be recorded in their diary. In KS1, an adult should listen to them read and support them with sounding out their words and understanding their book. In KS2, this should continue for as long as the children are learning to read. Even when they are fluent readers, we hope that our parents will discuss their children's books with them, clarifying new words or just re-capping story lines.
- Encourage your child to make their own reading choices by logging onto **MyOn.co.uk** and choosing books from the wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts that are available. **MyOn.co.uk** will intuitively respond to your child's reading by making suggestions every time they read a book on this digital platform. In this way, the more the child uses MyOn, the more they will discover reading that appeals to them. MyOn also has a toolbar at the side of the page that allows the child to use a dictionary whilst they are reading and highlight words etc. In school, we are monitoring the children's reading on MyOn and rewarding individuals and classes for their engagement with this. Your child is able to Log On using their Mathematics user name and password and a video showing how to do this has been shared on See Saw and in school.
- Reading Eggs / Reading Eggspress - There is work set regularly here for the children to complete - fun comprehension style reading activities and again, they can gain points and rewards.
- Sharing books and stories from all traditions, cultures and languages support a child's learning and ability to understand the world around them. Furthermore, reading can promote positive well-being and self-esteem, so benefits can extend beyond the classroom. Please continue to prioritise sharing stories at home with your children, whenever you have time.

We thank you for all the support you give your children with their reading and language development. We are sure that if we all continue to promote Reading here in school and at home, the children's learning across all areas of the curriculum is sure to benefit.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs S Gray – English Lead

