

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Library and Reading**

Studies have shown that children who choose to read, enjoy reading and read regularly reap the benefits academically, socially and emotionally.

One of the ways we aim to develop Reading for Pleasure at St Hugh's is by having a school library. Your child will soon be bringing home a book of their choice from our school library. Some children will bring home a book to share with you and others will bring home a book to read independently.

Library books are changed every two weeks with each class timetabled to visit the library. Children reading longer books can renew them if needed. As many of our books are new we ask that the children handle them carefully and look after them at home. As we have invested heavily in reading stock over the last 4 years we politely ask that damages and losses are paid for.

Children need support to develop the habit and love of reading. We have attached a poster that shows three core strategies that develop children's pleasure in reading at home and at school. Please see the poster attached.

We are looking forward to hearing all about the books that the children read!

### **School Life**

It is wonderful to be getting back to normal school life and routine for the children. The teachers will be sending out packs of information for their classes this week, to explain routines and share topics etc for the year. We are always available so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate.

### **PARKING**

The return to normality has unfortunately brought back some inconsiderate parking around school. Please be mindful of pedestrians and neighbours when dropping off or collecting and ***please do not park on the school and church side of Glastonbury Road***. It causes an obstruction. Thank you for your cooperation.

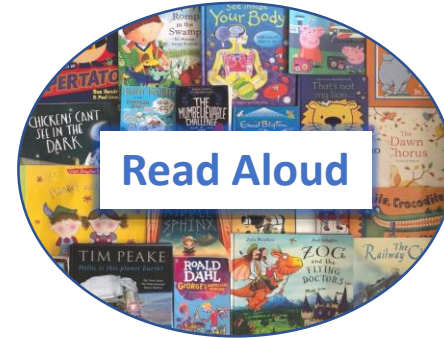
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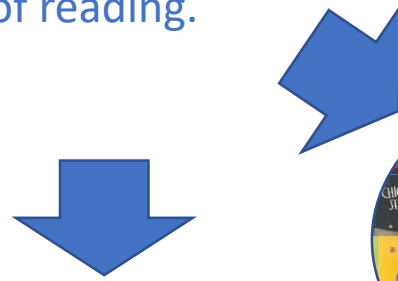
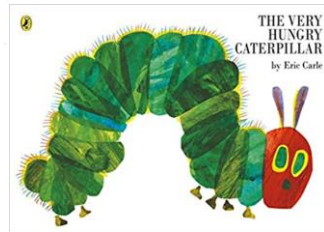
# Supporting Readers at Home



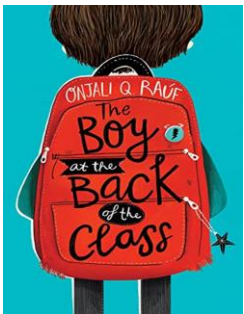
Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.



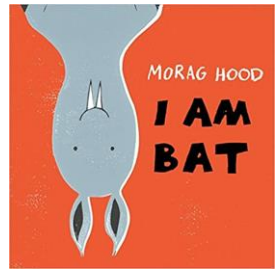
Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.



Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.



Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.



Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!

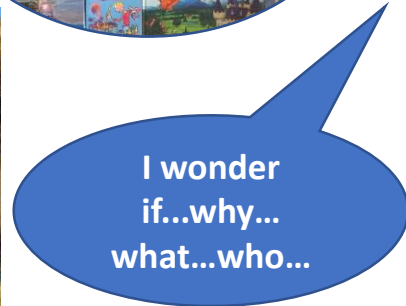


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