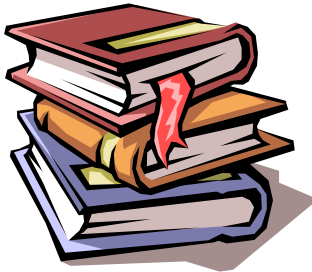


The Importance Of Reading at KSM

- If they cannot read, or understand the meaning of a word, ask them to try to sound it out or use a dictionary to help.
- Sometimes reading on, or reading from the beginning of the sentence again, may help.
- If they cannot work out a word in this way (don't spend too long on it), tell them the word and ask them to repeat it back to you.
- When you have finished, please record what you have been reading in your child's reading record. Teachers are then able to track and monitor your child's reading.
- If you feel that a book is too hard/easy, please discuss this with the class teacher.

Children learn to read by reading regularly!

By helping your child become a fluent reader, you will be giving them one of the greatest gifts needed in education - the ability to find things out for themselves



*- and why I should
be listening to my child read*

Reading is a life skill that is vital to all. Your child has probably learned to read already and you may think that they are fluent and confident. However, Key Stage 2 remains a very important time in the development of skills that will help your child in all areas of the curriculum and in life itself.

Reading should be an enjoyable and productive pastime, but reading skills will also greatly affect your child's success in the classroom and beyond.

Without the ability to read, life becomes a struggle and other areas of learning will be affected. Even if your child has excellent numeracy skills, he/she will struggle to succeed if a question cannot be read.

At the end of Year 6 all children are assessed and compared to national averages and ability across the country. One of these tests is in reading and your child will need to be able to read independently and fluently and answer questions to assess comprehension. They will need to be able to extract relevant information from texts, discuss feelings and characters and make deductions not obvious from the text.

It is therefore of utmost importance that you as parents help your child to develop their reading so that they are able to reach their full potential. The teachers work hard to teach reading skills, but it is at home that the children need to practice, consolidate and improve.

In order to develop and maintain skills it is important that children of this age read on a regular basis. Reading aloud is a skill that must continue to be practised at KS2. Expression, intonation and fluency all require development, as does deduction, inference and prediction.

We need you to work in partnership with us in order to provide the best possible education for your child.

Some hints for reading at home

- Find a quiet, comfortable place away from distractions such as other children or TV.
- Sit close to your child and show an interest in the book you are sharing.
- Talk about the book - the cover, title, story, characters, events.
- If your child is unwilling to read, offer to share the book with them by taking it in turns to read.
- Make sure your child is speaking clearly and loud enough.
- Ask your child to tell you what has happened in the story or section that you have read to check understanding.
- Ask your child to predict what they think may happen at various points in the story.