

St Mary's

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Reading at St Mary's CE Primary School

Reading Spines and Blankets



Reading truly is at the heart of everything we do at St Mary's Primary School. We have tried to create a curriculum that has reading at its heart and we feel that is what we are achieving. Reading really is the key to success in so many areas from writing to history to geography to understanding mathematical reasoning questions- the list is endless.

To support our reading curriculum in school we have designed our own 'Reading Spines' that are our core offer of books that your child will either read or hear whilst at school. These books have been chosen for a wide variety of reasons.

Some support our Wider Curriculum, some ensure that children read about how diverse our society is and some are just amazing books that we want our children to experience. I have attached a copy of your child's Reading Spine so you can see what books your child will be reading and when in the school year. On this you can also see the wider curriculum areas they will cover too.

Additionally, we have put together a selection of texts that we recommend to our parents if they would like to read books that are age appropriate. These we have termed as our 'Reading Blankets'. These again are books that support wider curriculum themes in school and are wonderful books that we think children should know are out there. Many of these books are available in our school library. Additionally, please use local libraries too to explore these books at home too. Our blankets in Reception and Year One are recommended for parents to read to children not for children to read to parents. Hearing an adult read is a wonderful experience for any child and we recommend you do this daily in all year groups as well as children reading to you. This will also support children develop fluency and pace in their reading too.

I hope the documents attached are of use to you as parents and they help you on your reading journey with your child. If you would ever like any further book recommendations, feel to get in touch. If I don't know any texts to hand, I'm more than happy to ask around for recommendations to help our children become enthused by books. Sparking a love of reading in children is the key to so much knowledge and so many adventures.

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