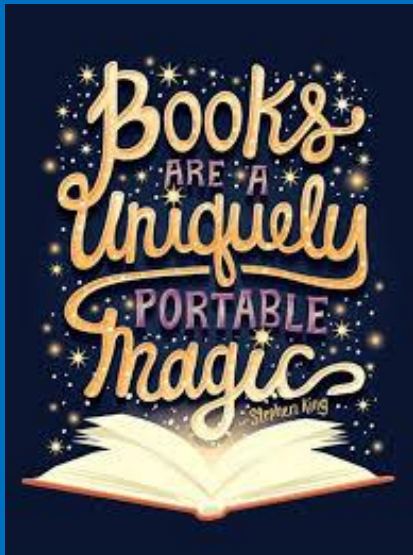




St. Mark's Catholic Primary School



READING



READING IS EVERYTHING

- At St Mark's Catholic Primary, our goal is for all of our children to leave us as fluent speakers, readers and writers. This will enable them to have the greatest chance of flourishing in society by being able to communicate effectively with others. We strive to embed reading skills across the curriculum in order to improve children's confidence and to increase their chances of success.

INTENT

At St Mark's Catholic Primary school we intend to:

- Foster a life long love of reading starting in Early Years.
- Promote passion and importance of reading within families of our children.
- Equip children with a range of skills and strategies, enabling them to read and understand texts through the teaching of phonics and comprehension.
- Immerse children in an exciting curriculum where they will enjoy exploring texts from different perspectives.
- Ensure our children have access to high-quality texts that are both challenging and enjoyable.
- Provide cosy reading environments throughout the school where children can have time and space to enjoy reading.
- Give children opportunities to widen their understanding of their own and other cultures and societies.
- Set high expectations for all children who will be proud of themselves.
- Develop and widen children's language and vocabulary across the curriculum.
- Help children to understand the value of reading.
- Teach children Oracy skills which they can use to support their reading.

IMPLEMENTATION

At St Mark's Catholic Primary school we:

- ✓ Follow **The National Curriculum (2014)** and all of our reading is underpinned by these objectives.
- ✓ Use **CLPE Power of Reading** scheme in Years 1-6. Teachers choose a text they think their class will enjoy.
- ✓ Select texts that cover a variety of themes and cultures.
- ✓ Are in the process of starting **Accelerated Reader** in order to track pupil progress and ensure sufficient challenge.
- ✓ Choose from a wide variety of high quality texts including fiction, non fiction and poetry which are embedded across the curriculum.
- ✓ Use speaking, listening and drama to explore class texts.
- ✓ Follow **Fisher Family Trust Success for All** reading and phonics schemes to teach vital reading and phonics skills.
- ✓ Work with families to continue to foster a love of reading at home through parent information sessions and family reading time in school.
- ✓ Provide opportunities to revisit, revise and reflect on skills and understanding.
- ✓ Develop children's vocabulary as part of a broad, balanced and engaging curriculum.
- ✓ Select books that include rhyme, rhythm and pattern, encouraging children to play with language so that they see reading as a meaningful and fun process.
- ✓ Provide opportunities to respond to texts in a variety of cross-curricular and creative ways.
- ✓ Use reading to extend children's learning, excitement and understanding across the curriculum.

IMPACT

At St Mark's Catholic Primary children :

- ✓ Have a love of reading.
- ✓ Recognise the importance of reading.
- ✓ Enjoy being immersed in a variety of engaging class texts.
- ✓ Can talk confidently about their reading and voice their opinions.
- ✓ Achieve consistently good progress in reading and in phonics.
- ✓ Leave our school equipped with reading and Oracy skills which will enable them the best possible chances at High School.