

Reading



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Promoting a love of reading, and enabling children to make as much progress in reading as possible, are key priorities for us again this year. Many children (and parents!) really enjoyed completing the Reading Passport last year and, now your child has moved into a new year group, they have a whole new list of books to discover. Reading is fundamental to many areas of school and education and is a life skill that we all need.

Ensuring that your child has the maximum chance to become a fluent and confident reader is vital and we need your support in this. We know that many of our parents already work very hard with their children at home and share their children's love of books and so these newsletters are for everyone - those people who would like some help and ideas but also those who are just on the lookout for something new.

Children are only at school for part of the day and so it is incredibly important that parents continue to reinforce key skills at home and reading is the most important of these. Children who don't have positive reading experiences and access to books at home are less likely to enjoy reading and more likely to find reading and other literacy skills challenging. Those children who read regularly at home – and have someone read to them – almost always make more progress with reading and become more confident in this very important skill than those who don't.

No matter how old your child is, or how confidently they read, this year we will be sharing lots of ideas and information about reading and we will be encouraging all parents to listen to their children read and to read to them as often as possible!

For some children, learning to read can be very difficult, no matter how much support they receive at home and at school. If you are at all worried about your child's progress in reading, or if you would like any help or advice about reading with your child at home, please don't hesitate to come in and have a chat with your child's teacher who will be delighted to help.

Thank you.

THE SIOBHAN DOWD TRUST

We are delighted to tell you that we have been awarded £350 by the Siobhan Dowd Trust following a competition we entered about how we promote the enjoyment of reading at Alverton. Mrs Petty and some Year 6 children will be visiting The Edge of the World bookshop in the next couple of weeks to buy some lovely new books for the library.



Thank you very much to the judges but also to all the staff at Alverton for their award-winning work!