

St. Stephen's readers will become...





Risk Takers

Through the art of reading, our learners will explore their natural thirst to develop a rational for unprecedented and unpredictable situations and take risks with an understanding that our brains can gain from the unexpected.



Our readers will thoughtfully and critically consider clues and information from their reading to understand a whole new world that a story can take them to appreciating differences in cultures and periods in time.



Inquirers

We will nurture and grow curious minds through the love of books. An innate and inherent drive for questioning will enable our learners to evolve into natural inquirers who investigate the uncertainties and unknowns.



Knowledgeable

By encouraging young minds to want to know more and to pursue new information, our pupils will thrive in the understanding that being a competent, fluent reader provides a world filled with knowledge.



Caring

St Stephen's Readers will develop a caring, empathetic and compassionate identity through the study of book characters and story lines. This will enable them to make positive differences in their own and the lives of others.



We shall aim to prepare our children to be confident, happy and responsible people who can contribute to our local, national and global communities in our increasingly connected world through working together to succeed through faith in Jesus Christ.



Principled

Through living out school's mission statement, our readers will apply a fair, just approach when processing and understanding information gained from books and take responsibility for any resulting actions and consequences.



Our readers will be encouraged to seek out answers to questions that arise from reading, eliminating any ambiguity and offering a variety of resolutions when there is not sufficient information to draw to a solid conclusion.





Thinkers

Our pupils will learn to think carefully about the new information they read, critically analysing and developing problem solving solutions to questions arising and making informed, reasoned decisions.



Communicators

Through exposure to high quality texts, our readers will develop their vocabulary and literally skills to promote confident and creative expression of self, taking into account a variety of differing viewpoints.