



Epsom Primary & Nursery School
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Dear Parent/Carers,

'Pupils' reading stimulates their writing development.' Ofsted 2019

Reading continues to be a key focus here at Epsom Primary School. As you may be aware, reading expands children's understanding of the world and stimulates their imagination. At Epsom Primary and Nursery School, we want to encourage children to take pleasure in what they have read and enjoy reading so they become life-long readers. Reading helps pupils to develop their vocabulary and can have a direct impact on the outcomes for your children.

At home

To support your child's reading you could:

- Take it in turns to read
- Show your child a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry books
- Read a range of text types together (cookery books, newspapers, leaflets etc)
- Read a range of genres (historical fiction, comedy, thriller etc)
- Encourage your child to sound out tricky words using their phonics
- Ask them about what they have read
- Model reading a book to show your love of reading to your child
- Ask them questions to support their comprehension (a booklet of questions was given to every parent at Parents' Evening and they are on the school website)
- Encourage your child to answer in full sentences
- Make reading a daily activity (while you are cooking dinner, at bedtime etc)
- Explain what new words mean
- Join a local library to enjoy new book releases and discover new authors, as well as enjoying classic and well-known stories

Reading Café

The Reading Café is a great opportunity for you and your child to use our wonderful library and spend some time reading with your child and sharing breakfast with them.

Year 1: Thursday 21st November 8.35-9.30am

Year 2: Tuesday 3rd December 8.35-9.30am

Volunteering

Reading aloud to an adult and sharing stories can have a huge impact on a pupil's confidence and fluency. In order to promote reading across the Middle Phase, we are looking for parent volunteers to read with the children. This would involve listening to a child read, talking about the book and asking them questions about what they have read. If you are able to help, please email reply@epsom.surrey.sch.uk with 'Reading Volunteering' as the heading.

Please continue to read with your child every day as this helps your child access subjects across the curriculum, as well as the world around them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Miss McSweeney
Middle Phase Leader (Year 1-Year 3)



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