



Reading Home Learning at Long Itchington C of E Academy

Dear Parents and carers,

Reading is one of life's most essential skills. At Long Itchington C of E Academy, our aim is that all children will develop a love of books, enthusiasm for promoting their reading skills and grow to be confident, competent readers.

Your child's reading experience at school is much more than the reading book they come home with so we have made some very conscious decisions about what we want reading to look like at our school.

- Regularity becomes a habit so every child will be guaranteed 15 minutes of engaging in independent reading each day. This may look slightly different in Reception and Year 1 but will all contribute to a strong personal reading habit.
- Each class will have a story read to them at the end of each day so that reading is modelled to them regularly and they will be introduced to new vocabulary.
- Reading Diaries will be checked each week by the teacher and intentional conversations will be had with each child about their reading.
- Reading skills will continue to be taught as a separate lesson (again this may look different in Reception and Year 1).
- Each child has a VIPER book mark which explains each reading skill (Vocabulary, Inferences, Prediction, Explain, Retrieve) and this will be used to engage them in conversations about their reading.

We would like to continue to develop our reading partnership between home and school so are focusing on reading as part of Home Learning. We ask that:

- Each child aims to read for at least 10 minutes each day as part of their Home Learning.
- In Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 we would like parents to record this in their Reading Diary.
- In Year 4, 5 and 6 children may record this in their diary and parents can then sign it each week.
- The reading VIPER bookmark has some useful sentence stems to be able to ask questions about what has been read.

We really hope that you will come along on this reading ride with us.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hughes and Mrs Read (English subject leaders)

