

TIBBERTON CE FIRST SCHOOL



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**Our aim is for all of our pupils to read easily,
fluently and with good understanding.**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! You will already be aware of how important reading is.

At this point in the year we would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the benefits.

Reading is essential for children to become successful in school and their journey through life. The better a child can read, the easier it is for them to learn in school. Reading feeds directly into writing. The language that your child hears and reads has a huge impact on the quality of their writing. The more words they will know and be able to use.

There are many reasons why it is important to encourage your child to read.

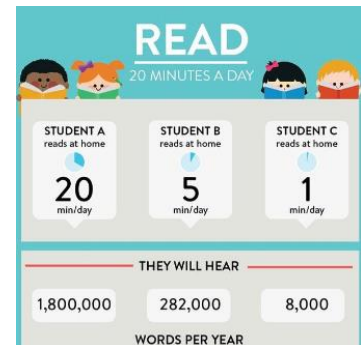
Reading improves communication skills, brain power, memory and knowledge but we can also encourage our children to read just because it is enjoyable.

In a nutshell, reading is good for you!

This year we are raising the profile of the importance of fluency. Fluency is vital for children to reach their potential across the curriculum. In order to do this children will need to revisit texts. Skilled word reading involves both the **speedy working out of the pronunciation of unfamiliar printed words** (decoding) and the **speedy recognition of familiar printed words**. In Reception, Year 1 and 2 we will re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading. In these years a child will read a book once where they will decode and recall words. Ideally, they will then re-read the book again, this time the reading will be more fluent and at a faster pace. This type of practise allows the children to apply their learning and build confidence. Then, in Year 3 & 4 they should be able to read them accurately and at a speed that is sufficient for them to focus on understanding what they read rather than on decoding individual words.

This is our approach that we use in school. In Reception, Year 1 and 2, we will change books three times a week to allow for rereading of books.

Reading at home is a vital part in your child's reading development. This may involve reading your child's school reading book, their self-selected library book or any material from home. It is also extremely valuable to discuss the text together as this develops



higher order thinking and comprehension skills. There are suggested questions linked to our reading VIPERS in your child's diary.

To raise the profile of reading at home and encourage the children to do this **we will be awarding raffle tickets to those who are reading regularly at home.**

This will be done on a half termly basis. You will receive a reading book mark each half term. On it please sign or initial and date when you read. Please continue to record and make notes in the reading diary.

The more tickets your child collects the more chance they stand of winning!

40+ reads = 15 raffle tickets, 30 reads = 8 raffle tickets, 20 reads = 5 raffle tickets, 10 reads = 3 raffle tickets, less than 5 reads = 1 raffle ticket.

At the end of each half term we will draw the raffle and the winner from each class will join Mr Gromski for a 'Tea Party' and a story!

We hope that you will support us in encouraging your child to read regularly at home and make a record of their reading in their reading diary.



We look forward to inviting you into school for our regular reading mornings/afternoons very soon.

If you have any questions regarding further reading, the benefits of reading and how you can support at home please take a look at the school web site, contact me via the office or pop in and see me.

Please follow the links:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

<https://www.pearson.com/uk/learners/primary-parents/learn-at-home/help-your-child-to-enjoy-reading/why-is-reading-so-important.html>

<https://www.pearson.com/content/dam/one-dot-com/one-dot-com/uk/documents/Learner/Primary/Primary%20parents/Enjoy-Reading-Guide.pdf>

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Rhiannon Jordan

Suggested reading materials:

If you like some new ideas take a look on the links below and explore a huge range of books that might interest you!

[Reads](#) | [Best Books for Year Groups](#) | [The Reader Teacher](#) | [Booklists by Age](#) | [booksfortopics](#)
[Children's books - Scholastic Shop](#)

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