



Reading Roundup

Welcome to the first issue of St George's Reading Roundup! A termly newsletter keeping you up to date with all things reading across the school!

Reading is at the forefront of our curriculum and we devote a lot of time into ensuring all children can become fluent readers and writers, but most importantly we ensure that they enjoy and love reading.

In this first issue we will take a closer look at reading in school but also how parents can support and foster a love of reading at home.

We would love to hear about any reading successes that you have at home so please make sure you share these with your teachers via Class Dojo pages or feel free to find Miss Gower (our reading lead) to get a chance at featuring in our newsletter in Term 3.



Dates / Events / Competitions

NOVEMBER

- 03.11.2021 – Scholastic Book Fair Arrives in School
- 04.11.2021 – Books on Sale in Sycamore Classroom
- 05.11.2021 – Books on Sale in Sycamore Classroom
- 12.11.2021 – KS2 Virtual Author Visit with Author Jacqueline Wilson
- 16.11.2021 – EYFS and Year 1 Author Visit in School – George Wilkins

DECEMBER

- 02.12.2021 – Virtual Parent Workshop – Supporting my child with Phonics and Early Reading
- 03.12.2021 – KS1 Virtual Author Visit with Illustrator and Author Nick Sharratt





Reading Resources

Books for topics

'Books for Topics' is a website that has created booklists arranged by age groups and topics, with easy access links to buying on Amazon.



Collins eBooks

Our school is registered to Collins eBooks which allows children to access age appropriate eBooks from home. Speak to your class teacher to find out how to use and enjoy this resource or for more information.

READING AT ST GEORGE'S

In school we teach early reading using phonics. Phonics is a method used to teach children to decode words using graphemes (letters) and phonemes (sounds). This is taught from Reception through to Key Stage 1 and continuing into Key Stage 2 for those that need it. As children start to become more fluent we introduce them to VIPERS comprehension skills. To find out more about each of these have a look below:

LITTLE WANDLE LETTERS AND SOUNDS

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds is our new early reading phonics scheme and is a fantastic resources full of beautiful illustrations, pronunciations phrases and formation phrases for phonemes and graphemes. It also promotes high expectations for reading fluency, prosody (expression) and comprehension. You will find some resources to help support your child with phonics and early reading at the following website:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

And don't miss out on our virtual workshop for every parent on 2nd December



VIPERS

VIPERS is an acronym to aid the recall of the 6 reading domains as part of the UK's reading curriculum. They are the key areas which we feel children need to know and understand in order to improve their comprehension of texts. VIPERS stands for

- Vocabulary
- Inference
- Prediction
- Explanation
- Retrieval
- Sequence or Summarise

To support your children at home there are VIPERS question stems for each of these domains on your class page on the school website. These can be applied to any book your child is reading. Speak to your class teacher for more information.

Reading Vipers

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