

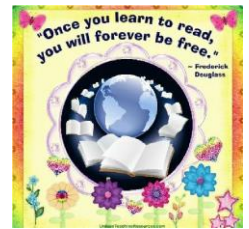
Dear Parents/Carers,

At Eling we are passionate about reading. Reading is a fundamental skill that all children need. Reading helps develop a child's brain, allowing them to make connections between what they have read and what they have experienced. In their early years, reading to your child stimulates their brain cells and allows this connection to happen. Reading also promotes a love of learning and a wider general knowledge. This skill will benefit them in all subjects. Early reading ignites creativity, sparks curiosity and stimulates their imagination. This then leads to children who develop empathy skills and problem solving skills. The biggest benefit is a psychological one as reading helps grow self-confidence. All children can read, and it starts with the reading climate at home. If they see parents read....they will want to read too!

Ways you can help with your child with reading:

- Reading a bedtime story and talking about what they have listened to.
- Listen to them read their colour book, four times a week, for ten minutes.
- Practice the red words and green words in your child's storybook to develop fluency.
Practice the 3 sounds of the week via the QR codes
- Read words together and don't get stressed when things go wrong, it's a journey.
- Create a reading climate in your house, they will read if it's seen as the thing you all do.

Virtual Phonics- Each half term your child will bring home a sheet containing which colour phonics group they will be in accompanied by some QR codes. These codes will take you to a short phonics video for the sounds your child is learning in school alongside videos to help with speedy reading and common exception words. Over learning is so important and key to your child's reading journey. If you require any further assistance please see Mr Neal. Please scan the code:



Reading Diaries

Please fill them in when your child does any reading at home for example their books, QR codes, red words/story green words. Remember you do not have to read the whole book! Once your child gets to 25 reads they will receive a sticker from Mrs Sillence and be celebrated in assembly. This will happen when you reach the following milestones throughout the year 25, 50, 75, 100 etc. We all look forward to celebrating their reading goals!

Changing colour books

Children will bring home 2 new books each Thursday. In their zippy wallets they will have 2 books based on their phonics group. 1 book will be the book they are reading in school with their phonics teacher and the other is one containing the similar sounds and words they have been learning in school. This is designed to help the children with both blending and fluency when reading. The school library is open every Friday for children to change their books from a wide variety of genres so please remember to bring your library books in on a Friday!

Books on Legs

Outside the front office, we have a selection of books that you are more than welcome to look at and take. If you have any child friendly books at home that you do not use, please could you donate them? Then someone else can enjoy them.

The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
LEARN,
the MORE places you'll go.

