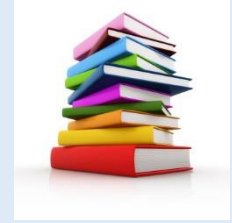


Reading at St Joseph's

Reading Gives You Wings...

June 2025

What does Reading look like at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School?



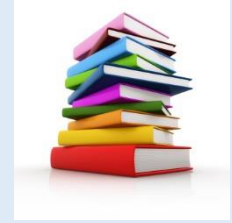
- Reading gives you wings ...
- Children have daily reading sessions in class.
- Many children read one-to-one with adults and we are very lucky to have a team of volunteers (parents and governors) and support from local charities such as **Read With Me** and **Pets as Therapy**



From the start...

ULS (Unlocking Letters and Sounds)

- All schools had to choose an SSP (Systematic Synthetic Phonics).
- ULS is a fully resourced and DfE validated and approved SSP



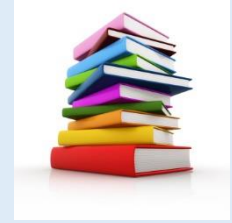
From the start...

ULS (Unlocking Letters and Sounds)

- Resources totally matched to the programme
- Children take home 2 books – one matched to their phonological stage and one high quality text
- Children are asked to read their phonologically matched book 3 times
- Once children have completed the phonics program (usually by Easter in Year 1) they will move on to our levelled Big Cat books
- 1:1 interventions

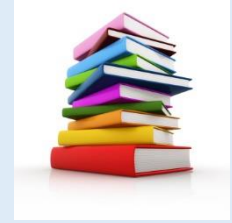
New high quality texts bought with Scholastic rewards in May 2025





Big Cat reading scheme

- Introduced March 2022.
- Pupil voice - conferenced the children to ask what they wanted.
- The Big Cat reading scheme uses the book band system of progression with even finer steps in KS2.
 - ✓ Structured and engaging approach to reading development.
 - ✓ Utilizes a dual-banded system and carefully levelled books to match both reading ability and age-appropriate interests.
 - ✓ Helps build reading fluency, stamina, and confidence while introducing a variety of text types and genres.



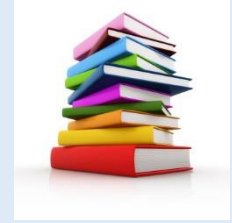
Key Stage 2

- Children take home 2 books. One from our Big Cat reading scheme and a high quality other text...

Book changing:

- Big Cat book should be changed once a week/or when finished.
- Novel/other text can be changed when the child has finished it.

Reading Rewards...

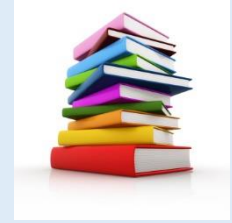


Recently we clarified how the reading points work with parents and staff .

Points are awarded for as follows:

- 5 reads in 1 week
- If a child reads daily (ie 7 times in a calendar week) - the points will continued to be counted and rolled on.
- 1 'read' will be awarded per day of reading (If a child reads 3 times in 1 day this counts as 1 read)
- Reading points over school breaks will be counted – except for the summer holidays when the diaries are collected in
- Children from R to Year 4 are expected to read school books
- In Year 5/6, children's teachers will discuss with them, when appropriate, whether they are able to read books from home instead of school books.

Reading culture



- At our school, reading is woven into the fabric of daily life
- Book corners
- Regular events
- Reading club
- Reading Ambassadors
- Daily story time

Through faith, hope, and love, our commitment to reading is more than a program — it is a cornerstone of our school's identity and a joy shared by our whole community.