

Importance of Reading!

HELPING AT HOME

A new school year. A fresh start! Being able to read and promoting a love of reading remains a high priority at Marus Bridge. I wanted to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of children being able to read and reading regularly, both at school and at home.

Research shows that families who enjoy reading together have more opportunities for discussion, developing empathy and attachment. Reading to your infant is one of the greatest gifts parents can give. By starting the journey of building a lifelong love of reading for pleasure, parents are giving their child the opportunity to be the best they can be: children who read for pleasure do better in a wide range of subjects at school and it also positively impacts children's wellbeing.

Research also shows that children who read have a greater range of vocabulary and are more successful in later life. Let's give our children the greatest start!

ACCESSIBLE READING

We have year group Reading Sheds. These are accessible everyday, both morning and afternoon. Children are welcomed and encouraged to use as they please, taking books home and returning once enjoyed. There is a beautiful selection available and in great condition.

If your child does bring a book home, please encourage them to take good care of it and return in the same condition they took it home.

READING AMBASSADORS

Reading ambassadors are keen to promote a love of reading across school and are excited to start reading with EYFS and Key Stage 1 on a Thursday lunch time.

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING AT HOME



Student A:
Reads 20 minutes per day =
3,600 minutes per school year



1,800,000 words per year



Student B:
Reads 5 minutes per day =
900 minutes per school year



282,000 words per year



Student C:
Reads 1 minute per day =
180 minutes per school year



8,000 words per year



If they start reading 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th-grade student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, student B 12 school days and student C only 3 school days.

Teach Mom Reports

READING RAFFLE

Reading raffle tickets are awarded for a child reading at home at least 4 times per week. Children are also rewarded in class by recognition, reward points and moving up class reward systems.

Every reading raffle ticket earned is added to a pot which is drawn once every 4 weeks in a key stage assembly. There is one winner for every class and winners are able to select a brand new book to take home to keep.

Please help to support reading at home.

RAFFLE DRAW DATES:

Friday 11th October 2024
Friday 15th November 2024
Friday 13th December 2024
Friday 24th January 2025
Friday 28th February 2025
Friday 28th March 2025
Friday 8th May 2025
Friday 13th June 2025
Friday 11th July 2025

WHY IS READING IMPORTANT?



Reading supports children to

Overcome disadvantage



Develop better mental wellbeing, social skills and strong relationships



Meet speech and language milestones and do better at school



Develop imagination, empathy and creativity



For more information, see below link.

[booktrusts-benefits-of-reading-june-2024.pdf](#)

Below are some new children's book titles coming out for Autumn 2024, see link below.

[Our picks of the best children's books coming out in Autumn 2024 \(schoolreadinglist.co.uk\)](#)



READING HELPERS WANTED

To further support children's reading in school we are asking for parent / grandparent helpers to come and listen to children read. If this is something you are interested in or available to do, please get in touch with your child's class teacher or Mrs Holden. We would be grateful of your help. Please note that any helpers would be allocated to a different class to the child they are familiar with.