

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Reading is fun

Everyone can read

All of us read every
day

Develop your reading
skills everywhere



Live, Love and Learn with Jesus

2013 - 2014

Year of

READING

at St Augustine's

Dear Parent/Carer

During the coming months, we are focusing on the importance of reading for everyone in our school community. We have already put our first initiative into place by asking everyone to read to the children during the last ten minutes of every afternoon. The children have heard some wonderful stories and poems and their enjoyment is being reflected in their enthusiasm for all kinds of reading activities in their lessons.

We ask that you find time to read to or with your children every night to help them extend their love of reading. You are the best role-models for them and there is such a lot of fun to be had by sharing books of all kinds. Please let us know of any particularly popular books and we will try to include them in our school stock.

On the opposite page, you will find information about some of the other initiatives we are planning over the year.

HAPPY READING!!

Read, Write, Incorporate (Read, Write, Inc.)

This is a new approach to the teaching of reading and comprehension. It involves six highly skilled members of staff who will work with children from Y1, 2, plus others from Y3 and Y4 on four days each week. The children will be learning special ways of understanding how sounds work to make words. They will be helped along the way by "Fred" - a very special frog who has excellent spelling and reading skills! We are confident that this approach will help children to achieve more quickly and to make greater progress as they move through school.

Book of the Month

Children will be asked to vote for their favourite books and recommend "good reads" for others to try.

Write to an Author

The challenge will be to explain to a favourite author why we like their books. The children will be encouraged to write letters which we shall post off.

Reading Challenge Award

Using a special record chart, children will keep a list of what they have read, both in school and at home. Each class will have a "Reader of the Month" award for the child who has read the most. We shall also provide runner-up awards for those who have made the effort to extend their reading.

We look forward to hearing about all the exciting books you have read and to seeing the impact of improved reading and comprehension skills in all aspects of the children's work.