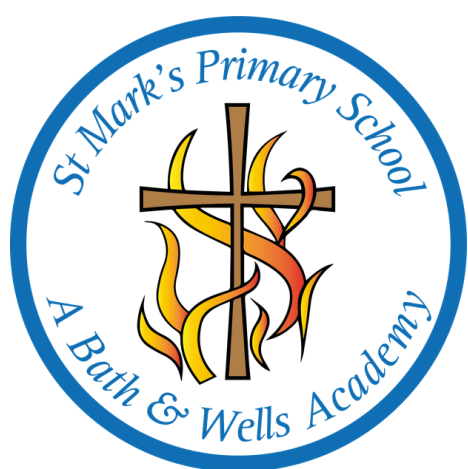




Early Reading at St Mark's Primary School

"I do believe that something magical can happen when you read a good book." - J.K. Rowling

Our Vision:

At Saint Mark's we believe that developing children as expert and enthusiastic life-long readers is a fundamental entitlement for every individual pupil. Reading is the key that opens many doors and successful readers will have a head start in all that they do.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss



Weekly Home Reading Books in EYFS and Year 1:

Children in EYFS and Year 1 have daily phonics sessions all of which are aligned to our phonics scheme, 'Unlocking Letters and Sounds'.

Each week your child will bring home two books. One will be fully decodable which **will match your child's phonic ability** and one will be from our KS1 sharing reading library that they have chosen themselves. This book will not be fully decodable. The purpose of this book is to continue **to promote a love for reading**, exploring new vocabulary and for you to read aloud to and with your child, **sharing a book together**.

Children will change their sharing books once a week. Your child's phonic ability book will be changed once your child has read the book in full three times. Children are monitored and assessed during their weekly group reading lessons. These sessions take place once a week and allow us to track each child's progress and ensure that their reading book is appropriate for their phonic ability.

The Importance of Reading and Re-reading Home Books:

Our expectation at St Mark's is that all children read aloud to an **adult 4 times per week** (no longer than 10-15 minutes each time).

In EYFS and KS1, we ask that your child **reads the full book three times** so that, by the third read, they are able to read with greater fluency and have developed a good understanding of the book.

Working Together:

We very much look forward to working with you as your child embarks upon, or continues, their reading journey at St Mark's. Our aim is to work in partnership with you so that reading becomes a positive and achievable part of your weekly routine at home.

Reading Record Diaries:

As part of our approach to developing confident, fluent readers, we expect all children to read aloud to an adult at **least four times** each week at home and **for an adult to record this in the home-school reading diaries** along with a signature.

Every week, teachers and support staff monitor the number of times children read at home, as recorded in their reading records.