



## Reading in Year 5 and 6



At St Martin's we firmly believe that reading underpins children's learning and allows them to fully access the curriculum. We also want the children to be excited about reading and enjoy reading a wide variety of stories available to them. Below is a brief summary of how we organise reading in Years 5 and 6 so that you, as parents, can support this as well.

- In school, your child will read to an adult at least once a week. In addition, each week your child will read as part of a group during 'Guided Reading' with the class teacher.
- When your child has finished his/her reading books, he/she will be expected to place them, alongside their signed reading record, into the 'returned reading book' box at least once a week. They will be regularly reminded, but it is their responsibility to do this. Any books in this box will be changed on the same day and returned to the child.
- Before your child's reading book is changed, he/she will be questioned about the book to ensure the book has been finished and that he/she has a good understanding of the text. It is essential that the reading record is signed each time you hear your child read.
- The focus of reading in Years 5 and 6 is the understanding of what has been read (comprehension). Children need to be able to answer two types of questions: Literal questions about the book, for example 'What is he wearing?' Deductive questions (reading between the lines), for example 'Why is the character behaving the way he is?'
- When changing books, your child will receive an individual reading book. In addition to this, your child will have the opportunity to choose a book from the Key Stage 2 Library once a week (Year 6 Monday afternoons, 5P Tuesday afternoons and 5M Thursday afternoons). It is important that he/she remembers his/her library book each week on the correct day.

We would encourage your child to read every day, for at least 10 minutes, to an adult. This will ensure that his/her comprehension skills improve. Also we encourage independent reading for enjoyment which should be at least three times a week. If you have any concerns about your child's reading please do not hesitate to speak to the Class Teacher.



Thank you

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