

READING POLICY

Aim

At St. Jude's Catholic Primary School we aim to promote in our children the desire and ability to turn readily to books, to read fluently, purposefully, with understanding and enjoyment.

We will achieve these aims through the following objectives:

- promote a love of reading and encourage children to approach a wide variety of books and printed matter with enthusiasm
- build on the reading experiences children bring from home
- foster a home/school partnership in the reading development of each child
- enable all children to understand the value of reading skills both in their personal lives and within the school environment
- provide rich, extensive and varied reading environments within the school
- offer a wide range of quality materials and texts for a variety of purposes and from different cultures
- help children learn where they can find books and other printed materials in the school
- provide reading experiences that stimulate children's interest and imagination
- encourage children to approach a wide variety of books and printed matter with enthusiasm
- teach children to read accurately and with understanding using a range and balance of methods appropriate to the individual stage of development
- introduce children to, and encourage them to use, a variety of reading strategies and skills in approaching and responding to text
- ensure children learn and use appropriate terms that enable them to discuss texts they experience
- teach children specific book handling and information retrieval skills
- teach children to research, interpret and evaluate information from a variety of sources
- use multi-media and Information Technology to promote literacy skills
- provide opportunities for children to listen and read to available adults and other children
- encourage children to read aloud fluently and with expression
- develop the ability in children to read silently with sustained concentration
- encourage children to develop personal tastes and become independent reflective readers
- provide support for less able of reluctant readers and extension opportunities for more able children
- monitor children's progress regularly and keep written records in accordance with the school's guidelines

At St. Jude's Catholic Primary School children are taught English in three literacy sets (Foundation, Core and Extension)

Additional opportunities to develop reading are provided on a daily basis.

Teachers plan appropriate lessons for the children they are teaching, using the guidance provided in the National Literacy Scheme.

For further details on Reading please refer to the following related policies:

Teaching and Learning Policy

Assessment Reporting and Recording Policy

Marking Policy

Able Child Policy

Special Educational Needs Policy