

Looking for more?

At St David's Primary all staff have been involved in the Renfrewshire Literacy Approach. This Professional Learning has developed key concepts such as text level, reader engagement, reader identity and the cultural capital of pupils in a variety of ways, such as;

- Enhancing classroom libraries
- Creating our Joint Campus 'Dream Island' library
- Asking pupils to complete reader engagement surveys at the end of each school session to determine pupil perceptions, mindsets and personal engagement in reading
- Using nationally recognised book bands to band all reading books
- Introducing regular use of running records to ensure appropriate support and challenge
- Working in partnership with Emma Eremin our Primary School Outreach Librarian
- Implementing a range of teaching strategies that promote a coaching approach to the teaching of reading
- Purchasing additional reading materials to provide a greater variety within book bands
- Appointing a literacy champion to ensure regular review of our literacy approach
- Celebrating Book Week Scotland every year across the school. Including gifting sessions for P1-3 children for Bookbug and Read, Write, Count Bags.

Johnstone Community Library

The local library is a great place to explore the world of reading with your child – here you will find a wide range of books, comics, magazines etc. You can also borrow audio books and access internet and printing services. Call 0300 300 1188

Skoobmobile

The Skoobmobile is often in the local community such as the park and the Hub. It is a lending library for children and young people but also offers a variety of activities, especially during the holidays. For more information, call them on the number above.

Scottish Book Trust

The Scottish Book Trust is a national charity that believes books, reading and writing have the power to change lives. Their website is full of fantastic recommendations and ideas. www.scottishbooktrust.com

Play, talk, read

This Scottish Government website has lots of fun and creative ideas to bring literacy to life at home. <http://playtalkread.scot>

Read, Write, Count

Another Scottish Government website providing lots of simple suggestions, ideas, tips and activities to help you have fun together. <http://readwritecount.scot>

Five To Thrive

This approach is a set of 5 key activities to reinforce positive interactions between parents and their children:
www.fivetothrive.org.uk

St David's PS

Literacy & English

Improving the education and life chances of our children by working together



Literacy and English

Literacy is a core element of Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence. It is fundamental to all areas of learning, as it unlocks access to the wider curriculum. Literacy is about learning to read and write accurately, being able to listen carefully and talk clearly about ideas. It also promotes the development of critical and creative thinking as well as interpersonal and team working skills, all of which are so important in life and the world of work.

There are many opportunities in everyday routines to practise and apply literacy skills in real and meaningful ways e.g. reading to your child every day, learning nursery rhymes together and pointing out signs in the local community.

This leaflet provides fun ideas to encourage good reading habits at different ages and stages. If however you would like more help, or to speak to someone directly, please just let us know. You can discuss directly with your child's Class Teacher or call/pop in to the school at any time.



*"The more that you **READ**,
the more things you will **KNOW**.
The more that you **LEARN**,
the more places you'll **GO**."*

-DR. SEUSS



Supporting Literacy

In School:

We talk about the 3 Sharings;

- 1.** Likes/dislikes- What did you like/dislike most about the story?
- 2.** Puzzles - Was there anything that puzzled you? Any tricky words?
- 3.** Connections - Have you ever... (link to personal experience or other books)

In St. David's Primary, we aim to foster a love and enjoyment of reading from as early a stage as possible. Children will start in P1 by receiving a Book Bag to be worked on as a family. When they are ready, and for all other children there are three different types of books they will have access to:

Challenge me book – often requires children to use known strategies to help them to read.

Read to me book – adults will read this book to the children.

Chill time book – a familiar book which children will be able to read with ease and should read often.

At home:

- ✓ Attend one of our Family Pizza Clubs together and help to promote a love of learning in literacy and across the curriculum.

- ✓ Visit the library regularly. Let your child choose their own book and use their own library card.
- ✓ Pick books that your child is able to read.
- ✓ Show your child how much you enjoy reading (even if it is a newspaper/magazine/blog)
- ✓ Read different types of books to your child so they can experience different kinds of language.
- ✓ Talk about the story, using the pictures, include the characters, the setting and the plot (books don't have to have words to tell a story).
- ✓ Talk about the words that are the same but have different meanings.
- ✓ Give your child time (10 seconds) to sound out words they don't recognise straight away.
- ✓ When you talk to your child, use interesting words and talk about what they mean. Try changing the first letter in a word to make a new word.
- ✓ Use personal experiences as opportunities for you and your child to notice words in your environment (For example Shops, Street Names).
- ✓ Play fun games with cards (Top Trumps, Pairs Snap) and encourage your child to read out the rules for favourite games.

