



Never Stop Flying

Learn to Read, Read to Learn

Achieving Excellence through a Values Driven Education

What was your experience of reading at school?

Did you have a different experience of reading in primary school compared to secondary school?



Be Supportive

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- b. 16 years
- c. 15 years

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- c. 68%

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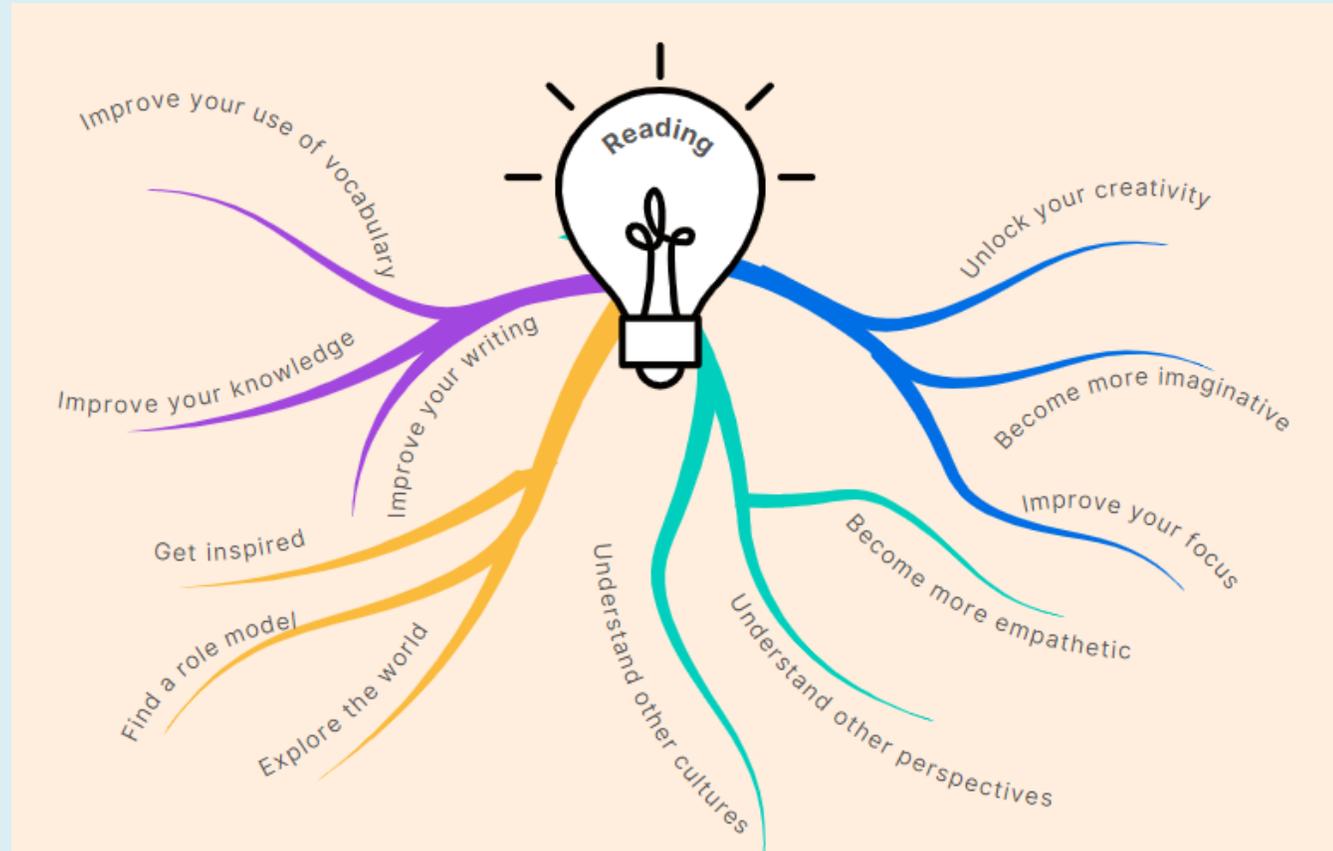
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The importance of reading

“English GCSE text is set at a reading age of 15 years and 7 months, yet the average reading age of all students when sitting their GCSE’s is 10 years 7 months.”

“The future success of all our students rests predominantly on their ability to become proficient and fluent readers.”

Alex Quigley



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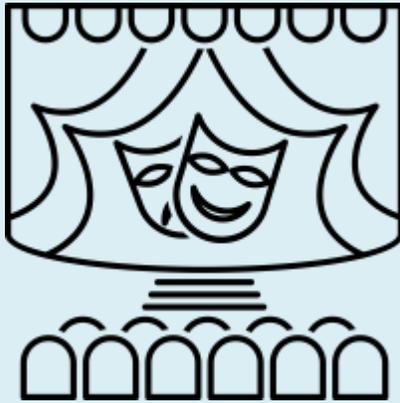
What can we do to help support?

What we'll be looking at this evening:

- 1) Reading strategies for our students
- 2) What students can be doing at home
- 3) Opportunities we have in school



Why?



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On Saturday, some adults and some children were in a theatre. The ratio of the number of adults to the number of children was 5 : 2

Each person had a seat in the **Circle** or had a seat in the **Stalls**.

$\frac{3}{4}$ of the children had seats in the Stalls.
117 children had seats in the Circle.

There are exactly 2600 seats in the theatre.

On this Saturday, were there people on more than 60% of the seats?



Top Tips

1) Planning a holiday or booking theatre tickets?
Get your child involved in the process



Top Tips

2) 'Switch the subtitles on' whilst watching TV

-Subtitles cannot be ignored and viewers automatically exhibit reading behaviour (D'Ydewalle et al. 2007).

-Five studies show statistically significant gains for both comprehension and vocabulary.



“Once in a blue moon an idea comes along that just blows you away with its sheer simple brilliance. If ever there was a no-brainer, this is it” *Lord Foster of Bath*



Top Tips

3) Talk about what your child is reading/watching/doing at school over dinner – part of reading is being able to effectively and coherently explain thoughts



Top Tips

4) A chapter a day –



*“Reading aloud to children is the **first step in building a reading culture** where books and stories **are shared together** and helps to create a **lifelong reading habit**”*

*“Reading should take place **every day** and optimally for a period of **20 minutes** in a single sitting. This allows sufficient time to **read a chapter** of a novel, and the opportunity for **discussion** to further children’s comprehension and interest on a **deeper, more personal level**”.*



Prompts

How would you explain this to someone else?

What are the most important things to remember?

What new vocabulary have you found?

Prompts

Can you tell me what happened and why it might have happened?

Are there any words you do not understand?

What do you think the writer's intentions were here?

SUMMARISE

CLARIFY

ACTIVATE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

QUESTION



Prompts

What do you know about when/when this book is set?

What do you know about the characters in the book?

Does this book remind you of any other books that we have read?

Prompts

Are there any parts of what you have just read that you do not understand?

What questions would you like to ask the main character(s)?

Can you explain why this word has been used?




Literacy Reading Diary

Title of Book If new, why did you choose it?	Brief Summary of Events	New Vocabulary
Date:	Pages Read:	

Top Tips

5) Find your child's 'Hook'



What do we offer in school to support your child's reading journey?

- a) The library- a hub for reading
- b) Reading lessons
- c) Mentor activities
- d) Book clubs
- e) Writing Workshops
- f) Intervention
- g) Author Visits

