



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Y Santes Fair

**In Jesus' footsteps we learn, love and grow
together to be the best that we can be!**

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How to support your child with reading when home learning

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I know that many of you will be anxious about your child's progress in reading during this time. There are two parts to learning to read, firstly, decoding the text and, secondly, understanding the story. To be a reader means you have to practice both at the same time.

Encourage your child to:

- Read for at least 10 minutes every day;
- Re-read a book that they have read before - this builds confidence, fluency and expression;
- Read to them a book they really enjoy but perhaps is a bit too difficult for them to read themselves and talk about the story.
- Make reading enjoyable - you could read a comic, newspaper/ magazine, back of packets or anything online that your child is interested in. Non-fiction/ real life is just as important as reading stories.
- **Always** talk to them about the book/ text after reading (see attached reading booklet for guidance).

Reading Resources

Giglets - Use our online reading system Giglets. There are lots of books to choose from which are changed weekly by the class teachers;

<https://pupil.gigletsedu.com/landing/>

How to login:

Account type: Pupil

School Code: Stmarys2

Username: [your child's class e.g. Class5, Class1, Class2]

Password: [your child's class e.g. Class5, Class1, Class2]

Oxford Owl - lots of free e-books and activities for children of all ages. You can choose books that match the book band colour your child is reading in school. Your child's school reading book will have a book band number and/ or colour on it if it is part of a reading scheme. You can match this with books on this web site so you know they are reading the same level.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Please see some guidance attached on how to support your child with decoding the words and discussing the meaning of the text.

Please email your child's class teacher if you would like some further guidance or support on the class email addresses, for example class1@stmaryprm.net, class2@stmarysprm.net

Kind regards,

Miss C Russell