



May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to write to you to remind you of a crucial part of your child's education.

Regular reading is essential in developing your child's literacy levels and in ensuring that they achieve their potential across the curriculum. At St Martin's, your child participates in twenty minutes reading a day and this benefits them in the following ways:

- Improves concentration and strengthens the brain
- Expands vocabulary and develops imagination and empathy
- Teaches about the world and increases general knowledge
- Improves spelling and writing skills
- Advances text comprehension and analytical abilities

In view of the above, we ask you to encourage your child to read as often as possible while they are not attending school.

Reading can happen in any format: fiction, non-fiction, magazines, blogs, graphic novels, the news <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>, poetry and so on. The reading of any text will be beneficial to your child.

Your child may also want to read this interesting article from the BBC website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/why-is-reading-good-for-me/zmbtwty> or listen to the 'incredible collection of stories' which Amazon have made free to stream for all <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>.

Thank you for your support in this easily accessible and valuable learning activity.

Yours sincerely

Mr Iain Lelliott
Assistant Headteacher