



# Reading Newsletter

## Welcome back!

We hope you have all enjoyed a restful break over the summer holidays and your children have settled into their new classes. As always, we have a big focus on reading and aim to encourage all children to read as often as possible, ideally daily. Research shows that children who are read to on a regular basis have greater academic success and hear a vast amount of words. This helps children to read fluently and have a good understanding of the texts being shared. Remember, it's never too late to read with your child, regardless of ability/age. See the information table below for an interesting insight into just how powerful reading is.

A table to show how many words children hear by the time they are 5 years old	
Never read to	4,662
Read to 1-2 times p/w	63,570
Read to 3-5 times p/w	169,520
<b>1 book a day</b>	<b>296,660</b>
5 books a day	1,483,300

## Our School Library

Children in all classes are invited to visit the school library each week. They are able to choose a book to borrow from the class library or the school library (plus a scheme book/ phonics book and a book to share with parents). See website for more details. We are looking to give our library a refresh in the coming months so watch this space!

## Parent Book Swap

We have a parent book swap trolley for parents and friends of St Anne's to use to swap their own books for something new. Why not take a look to see if there's a must-read waiting for you? The trolley will be out after Friday assemblies / special events where parents are invited and at the end of the day in the main playground.

## Book Club

We have a book club that runs after school every Tuesday. There has been a great turnout so far. Look out for the newsletters which give more information about which years the club is open to and when the clubs begin/ end. This half term, we recommend **Inside the Villains** by Clotilde Perrin.



Visiting a library is an exciting opportunity for everyone. If you are unable to visit in person, why not download the Tameside library app? It's **free** and there's a great selection of books and audiobooks to borrow.



**Did you know....**  
Reading aloud to your child can help boost their vocabulary by 1.4 million words

## What is it?

This year, we have invested in a new synthetic, systematic phonics scheme which has been validated by the DfE. It comes with decodable books for children in Reception and Key Stage 1. It is also used as an intervention in Key Stages 1 and 2. We have confidence this scheme will support our learners throughout their reading journey.

## Why is it colour coded?

Monster Phonics teaches children to read by enabling them to identify the individual graphemes (letter combinations) and being able to blend the sounds (phonemes) together to read the word. There are ten colour groups with each colour having a corresponding monster character. Ask your children about these characters– this will help with their learning and understanding.

## What do St Anne's children say about Monster Phonics?

*"Monster Phonics is fun. I like Cool Blue because blue is my favourite colour and I love his headphones!"* Louie-R

*"I love Monster Phonics. I like Tricky Witch because she spells tricky words for us."* Ava- Y1

*"The lessons are really fun. My favourite character is Angry Red A because he says things in a funny voice."* Jack- Y2

