

## Reading at Eling

Dear Parents/Carers

At Eling we are passionate about reading. Reading is a fundamental skill that all children need. Reading helps develop a child's brain, allowing them to make connections between what they have read and what they have experienced. In their early years, reading to your child stimulates their brain cells and allows this connection to happen. Reading also promotes a love of learning and a wider general knowledge. This skills will benefit them in all subjects. Early reading ignites creativity, sparks curiosity and stimulates their imagination. This then leads to children who develop empathy skills and problem solving skills. The biggest benefit is a psychological one as reading helps grow self-confidence. All children can read, and it starts with the reading climate at home. If they see parents read....they will want to read too!

### Reading awards

To help with promoting reading, we have bought diaries that celebrate reading milestones. To read 100 times a year, a child would need to read their colour book three times a week, even though we expect more times. To help reach this milestone and promote a love of reading, please read a bedtime story and talk about what they have listened to. Listen to them read their colour book, four times a week, for ten minutes. Read words together and don't get stressed when things go wrong, it's a journey. Create a reading climate in your house, they will read if it's seen as fun...not homework. Please fill in their diary with them and celebrate their successes. Share their library book, especially before bed.

### Bug Club

We decided to invest in BUG CLUB as a school as it allowed children to access books throughout lockdown. However, it's a fantastic resource that allows children to collect awards and choose from a wide range of books. For those who are finding reading a challenge, this resource allows the children to hear the sentences read to them, aiding their reading.

### Virtual library

On the Eling webpage, we have access to a wide range of books, covering friendship skills, stories for pleasure and sport books. We also put on books that we use in class. They have no adverts and often the author will read the story. What a great way to end the day with a story on the virtual library! Here is the link to the virtual library.

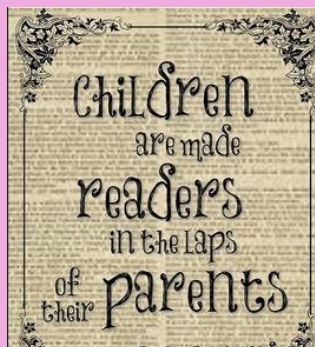
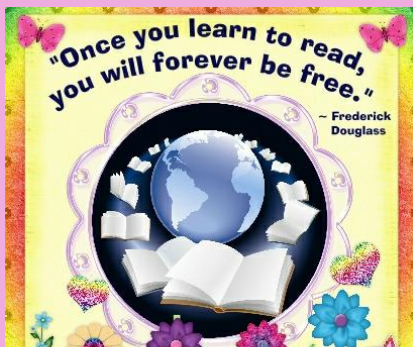
<https://www.elinginfant.co.uk/virtual-library/>

### AMNESTY BOOKS!

Children will change their colour books daily, or once they have been read. We are finding that we are losing certain colour books. Could you please check at home that you haven't got any colour books, otherwise children are unable to change their books? These colours are based on your child's phonic ability.

### Books on legs

Outside the front office, we have a selection of books that your are more than welcome to look at and take. If you have any child friendly books at home that you do not use, please could you donate them? Then someone else can enjoy them.



The MORE  
that you read,  
the MORE things  
you will know.  
The MORE that you  
Learn,  
the MORE places you'll go.

