

Coastal Together



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Dear Parents and Carers,

MIJS Reading Update

At MIJS we are committed to developing a love of reading in all our children. We understand that the 'eureka moment' when readers find that one book which opens a whole new world to them, can come at any age; therefore we are determined to offer all our children as many opportunities as we can to find that one book.

Reading regularly to and with your child unlocks a world of possibilities, knowledge and learning. It is also an opportunity for children to practise the important skills of fluency (how quickly we read words) and comprehension, this is in addition to building their knowledge and vocabulary beyond our curriculum.

Research shows that children who read often will have a vocabulary of 70,000 words by the age of 17 compared to a vocabulary of 15,000 words if they don't.

How do we currently support and encourage reading in school?

- Updating the Reading Book Bands across MIJS, including the new 'Free Reader' book bands
- Investing in our exciting and high quality texts that link to our topics
- Mundesley Merits & Mundesley Merit Book Shop
Children can earn merits for reading at home. Each read at home will earn the children a merit, up to 5 merits a week. These merits can then be used to purchase items from the new Mundesley Merit Book Shop!
- Reader of the Week
Each week in celebration assembly, a reader of the week is chosen in each class. The readers of the week will then celebrate their achievement by joining me for hot chocolate and biscuits at breaktime in the new MJS library.
- Reading Enrichment
We end each week at school with a half an hour enrichment session. This year we have introduced reading enrichment as well as our traditional activity enrichment. Every other week, each member of staff selects a book or selection of books they would like to share, and children can sign up across the week for which they would like to take part in on Friday.

- Reading Cafes
Our first reading cafe for MacMillan Coffee Morning was a great success and throughout the year, we will be inviting parents and carers into school for a range of events. This will include the much anticipated return of the bedtime reading cafe during the Spring term.
- Termly Reading Prizes
Each term in our congratulations assembly, two readers of the term for each school will be chosen. These children will receive book bundles at MIS and a Kindle at MJS.
- Reading Challenges
The spring term will see the return of our reading challenges, including extreme reading!

To further support reading, we are launching two new opportunities for you, our parents and carers to come into school.

- From Monday 21st November, we will be opening the library at the Infant School each Monday after school for families to come and share a book and borrow a book to take home.
- We are also inviting parents and carers to come in and read with their child for a few minutes in the mornings, during the drop off window on selected days (between 8.45 and 9am). We are aware that for some parents this is not an option, so please do listen to your child read, by just signing and dating their reading record we can see that your child has read and they will be on their way to earning merits. You do not need to always write a longer comment.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MIS Library Open for MIJS Parents and Families		Jemison Morning Reading	Earhart Morning Reading	Attenborough Morning Reading
	Hawking Morning Reading	Pankhurst Morning Reading	Seacole Morning Reading	Yousafzai Morning Reading

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