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Y7 English Chronicle

Welcome to English at The Regis School

Working together to support your child in English

Here at The Regis School, the English department would like to welcome you and your child to the next stage of their English learning. Throughout Year 7, your child will learn new and exciting skills in English by reading a range of engaging and challenging texts and writing creatively in a range of genres. Each term we will publish a newsletter to help you to support your child in their English lessons. We will let you know what we are studying in class and how you can help your child at home with suggested reading lists and activities that will support the learning in the classroom.

Great titles to read at home that we use in our topic:

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

The BFG by Roald Dahl

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling

Ratburger by David Walliams

Year 7 Autumn Term

'The Art of Storytelling and Reading'



The Art of Storytelling and Reading is an introduction over two half terms to English at secondary level. We begin with learning to write a formal report of reading habits. Your child will revise key terminology from primary school and learn how to use this independently - in research and in writing.

We then move onto reading a range of fiction text extracts, from classics such as *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* to modern children's fiction by David Walliams, students will learn about genre and how writers adapt their writing for different purposes.

Your child will then use their understanding of genre to inform their own creative writing in different styles, culminating in a variety of short and extended creative writing pieces.

Finally your child will be introduced to a range of modern and classic poetry, learning how to read and understand the purpose of different texts, and how the writer has used language and structure to create that meaning.

What activities could you do at home to help?

Reading is great!

Greater readers become greater writers...

At The Regis School we know that reading is really important. Regular reading both privately and aloud will really help your child's confidence. We ask that you support our teachers by encouraging your child to read at home. In school, your child will read as part of their English lessons and around the whole school during period 5 each day as part of our 'Read to Succeed' program. It would be great if you could provide a quiet space and time at home for reading. Your child can read alone, but would also benefit from reading with an adult or sibling. We suggest that they read 20 minutes three times a week as a minimum.

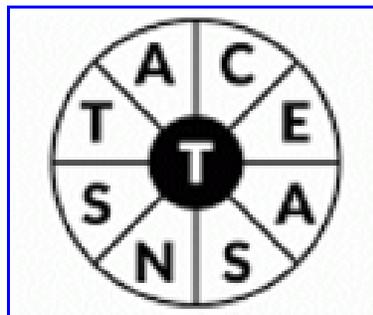
Your child's English teacher is always on hand to recommend some great new reads, and our librarians have a huge collection that your child can borrow from.

Ever thought about puzzles?

Word puzzles are great for developing reading and writing.

Playing word games each week such as Scrabble or doing crosswords is a great way to support your child.

Why not try the word wheel below? How many words of three or more letters can you find?



What could you watch?

Reading skills are not just developed in a book...

Watch then discuss a television program with your child. Explore what they liked and what they didn't. Encouraging your child to comment verbally, or write down responses is a great way of developing your

child's English skills. Perhaps they could write a review of a performance on 'Strictly Come Dancing' or create and make their own recipe inspired by 'The Great British Bake Off'.

English comes in all shapes and sizes.

For reluctant readers, it does not have to be an entire novel yet...

Newspapers, magazines and leaflets all provide valuable reading material. Perhaps your child loves football? They could read the match reports from the newspaper with you on a Sunday. Maybe they love horses or fishing? There are many great resource books in libraries and lots of magazines to choose from. Perhaps they love films? You could read different reviews together of the film after you have seen it. All these activities will make reading fun – and almost not feel like reading at all!

