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**Message from Mrs. Gravely**

**Harvest Festival**

On Monday we celebrated our Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church. Reverend Marion led the service and thanked pupils and parents for their generous food donations, which will be given to the St Nicholas food bank. We also gave a generous food donation to St Vincent's food bank, who make regular deliveries to our school food bank.

**Discos**

The children and staff had great fun at our discos this week. The children enjoyed dancing and playing games with their friends.

**Carmel Jane Photography**

Carmel Jane photography visited school yesterday to take photos of individual children and sibling groups. I am sure you will be impressed with the photos when you see them. The children will bring home a card with a QR code that you scan to be taken to your child's photos. Please follow the instructions on the card to purchase your photos.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Headteacher Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

Butterfly - Frederick C
RG - Archie W
1K - Roman
2HL - Devon
3R - Zachary
4DY - Macey
5CH - Bobby
6G - Maisie

**Our Dojo Champions this week are:**

RG - Arthur R
1K - Myles
2HL - Hannah
3R - Florence S-F
4DY - EJ
5CH - Bryana
6G - Theo



**Happiness Hero Awards**

1K - Scarlett
2HL - Ethan
3R - Madison
4DY - Archie
5CH - Sophie
6G - Elsie

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**Maths Awards**

Our award winners this week are:

Number bonds to 5: Araf K
Number bonds to 10: Araf K
Number bonds to 20: Vinnie J, Araf K
Bronze times table award: Sophia L
Silver times table award:
Gold times table award: Sophia L , Jude C

**TT Rockstars**

**Coming soon!**

**Remember to encourage your child to log onto TT Rockstars at home to practise their timetables.**

**Attendance**

Class attendance for Friday 2nd October 2026 to Thursday 8th October 2026 as follows:

| Year R<br>RG | Year 1<br>1K | Year 2<br>2HL |
|---|---|---|
| 96.5% | 99.1% | 89.7% |

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| Year 3<br>3R | Year 4<br>4DY | Year 5<br>5CH | Year 6<br>6G |
|---|---|---|---|
| 95% | 93.1% | 98.4% | 97% |

A big well done to **1K** this week who had the highest attendance, with their attendance being **99.1%**.

**If a child is absent from school the parent must follow these procedures:** Contact the school on the first day of absence before 8.45 am.

The school has an answer phone available to leave a message if nobody is available to take your call, or you may call into school personally and speak to the office staff. You may also send an email to attendance@williamread.essex.sch.uk or via Dojo
Contact the school on every further day of absence, again before 8.45am Ensure that your child returns to school as soon as possible and you provide medical evidence, if requested, to support the absence.

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**Dates for your Diary** (please check as dates may change)
**Monday 12th October**
Sponsored bounce for RG and 1K
**Monday 12th October**
Clubs start for years 1 – 6 [for 4 weeks]
**Wednesday 14th October**
Year 6 WW2 day
**Wednesday 14th October**
School tour for September 2027 starters
**Friday 16th October**
Tag rugby match for selected pupils
**Monday 19th October**
Reception reading café
**Tuesday 20th October**
Year 2 big box day
**Tuesday 20th October**
School tour for September 2027 starters
**Wednesday 21st October**
Year 2 big box day
**Friday 23rd October**
End of half term

**Friday 23rd October**
Big box exhibition for year 2 parents
**Half term**
Monday 26th October until Friday 30th October

**Uniform Bank**
We have relocated to R/O Our Lady Of Canvey R/C Church, 224, Long Road, Canvey Island, Essex SS8 0JS.

We are open every Wednesday 10am-1pm and the first Saturday of every Month.

myHappymind

Support your child with their wellbeing using the free 'My Happy Mind' parent app.




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## Secondary School Applications 2027

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened recently, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2026.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.



**Reading Corner**

Our class champions readers this week are:

**Key Stage One**

RG with 24 readers

**Key Stage Two**

6G with 21 readers

At William Read we encourage the children to read to an adult at home at least 3 times a week. The children who achieve this are counted and the class with the most readers receive a reward. In EY/KS1 the class win the reading bear and a selection of special books to share with their friends for the week. In KS2 the class win an extra 10 minutes playtime.




**Information from our Reading Cafe parent sessions:**




**Top tips for parents:**

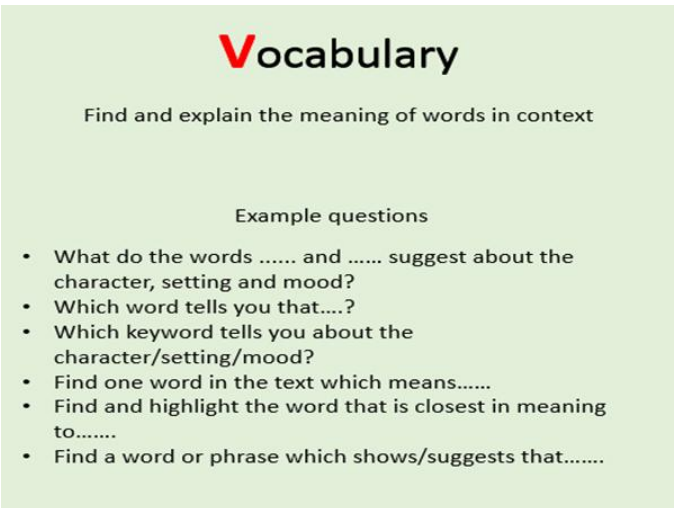
Create a reading routine that is regular and calming

Make it fun

Remember reading to your child is just as valuable as them reading to you

Ask questions about the story

Enjoy books together



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# Infer

Make and justify inferences using evidence from the text.

Example questions

- Find and copy a group of words which show that…
- How do these words make the reader feel? How does this paragraph suggest this?
- How do the descriptions of …… show that they are ……..
- How can you tell that……
- What impression of …… do you get from these paragraphs?
- What voice might these characters use?
- What was …. thinking when…..
- Who is telling the story?

# Explain

- Explain how content is related and contributes to the meaning as a whole.
- Explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of language.
- Explain the themes and patterns that develop across the text.
- Explain how information contributes to the overall experience.

Example questions

- Why is the text arranged in this way?
- What structures has the author used?
- What is the purpose of this text feature?
- Is the use of ….. effective?
- The mood of the character changes throughout the text. Find and copy the phrases which show this.
- What is the author's point of view?
- What affect does ….. have on the audience?
- How does the author engage the reader here?
- Which words and phrases did ….. effectively?
- Which section was the most interesting/exciting part?
- How are these sections linked?



# Retrieve

Retrieve and record information and identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.

Example questions

- How would you describe this story/text? What genre is it? How do you know?
- How did…?
- How often…?
- Who had…? Who is…? Who did….?
- What happened to…?
- What does…. do?
- How ….. is ……..?
- What can you learn from …… from this section?
- Give one example of……
- The story is told from whose perspective?



# Summarise

Summarise the main ideas from more than one paragraph

Example questions

- Can you number these events 1-5 in the order that they happened?
- What happened after ……..?
- What was the first thing that happened in the story?
- Can you summarise in a sentence the opening/middle/end of the story?
- In what order do these chapter headings come in the story?

# Predict

Predict what might happen from the details given and implied.

Example questions

- From the cover what do you think this text is going to be about?
- What is happening now? What happened before this? What will happen after?
- What does this paragraph suggest will happen next? What makes you think this?
- Do you think the choice of setting will influence how the plot develops?
- Do you think… will happen? Yes, no or maybe? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.