

Our intent for Reading at St. Mark's

- EVERY child becomes a confident and fluent reader and that every child can speak accurately, confidently and with passion about books they have read.
- Develop children's vocabulary - rich experiences to grow children's language development.



Why?

- Modern world - lots of distractions.
- Texting - think about what is happening to the English language?
Why is spelling so poor?
- We have to overcome barriers and give children as many opportunities as possible to develop their **VOCABULARY!**

How many words do you think a young person needs to be familiar with, in order to thrive in school and beyond?

- a) 20,000
- b) 35,000
- c) 50,000
- d) 70,000



Read With a Child

It's the Most Important 20 Minutes of Your Day

Child "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day
3,600 minutes
in a school year.

Child "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day
900 minutes
in a school year.

Child "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day
180 minutes
in a school year.

1,800,000 words



282,000 words



8,000 words



Word of the Week (KS2 x 3/KS1 x2)

Magpie books



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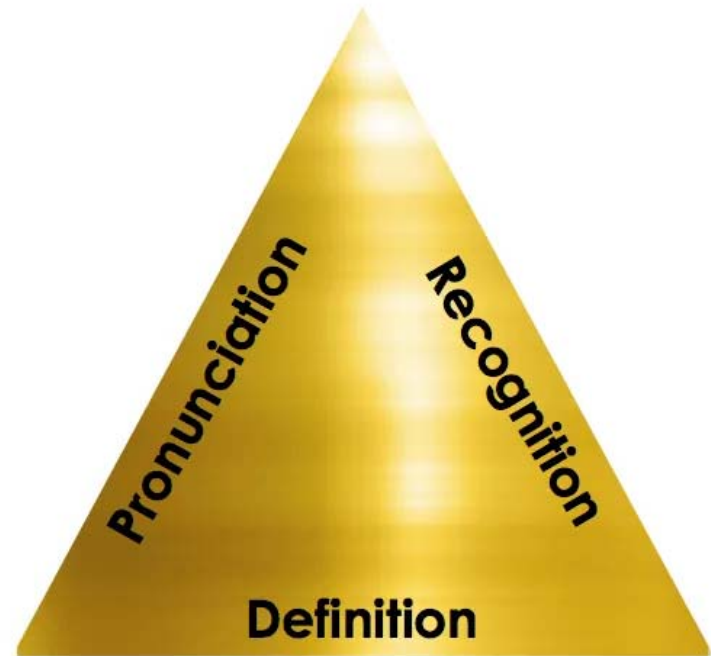
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Children can't simply hear word
once to remember it!

Have fun! Say it
in different
voices!



Use it in a humorous sentence!





Strategies for home

- Encourage your child to relate the book to their own experiences.
- Can they notice similarities/differences/links to a previous book they have read?
- Talk about the characters in the story and what they might be thinking or feeling. How do they know that's how they are feeling? What makes you think that?
- Ask questions to encourage your child to make sense of what they have read. How/Why?
- Sometimes, practise retelling the story.

But most of all, ENJOY reading and spending time exploring books and vocabulary together!

