

## Welcome



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#### Aim: To provide parents and carers with an overview of Literacy support taking place



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## Why is Reading important?

#### Discuss on your tables

- What should children be reading?
- How often?
- When during the day?
- Where?
- Under what conditions?

## Why is Reading important?

#### Research

- 34.6% of students aged 8 to 18 said that they enjoy reading
- This is an 8.8% drop on the same time last year
- 40.5% of children stated that they preferred to read at school
- Children who enjoy reading have higher reading ages than those that do not read for pleasure

### What is our approach at Drayton Manor?

- A broad and challenging curriculum in all subjects
- An English curriculum that exceeds the national requirements
- We are well informed with regards to the reading and spelling requirements of students in the school
- Staff plan lessons by modelling writing and reading and by taking the time to correct work
- Excellent transition work allows us to know students well

### What is our approach at Drayton manor?

- The library opens from 8:00
- All students are welcome
- Over 5,000 books available
- Themed events to enthuse



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Engagement leads to a passion for reading as seen through our participation in the Ealing Readathon that we won

### What is our specific support?

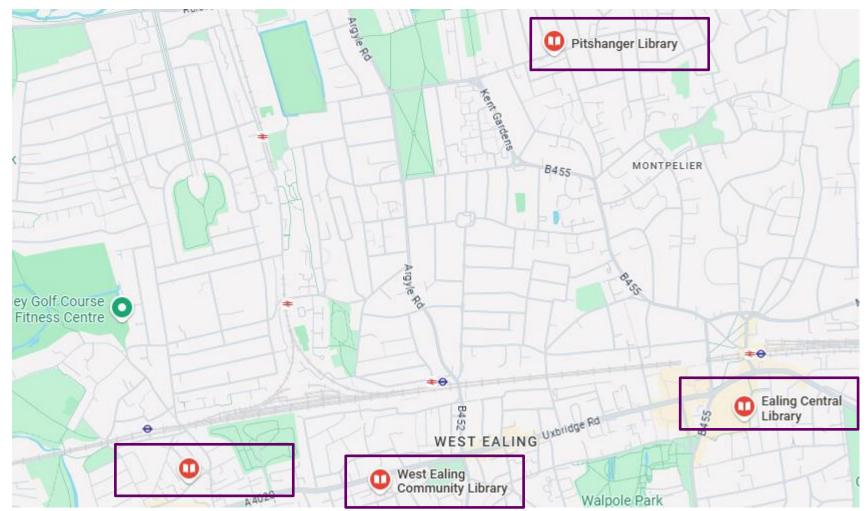
- Creation of the Aspire Zone
- Publication of the Advanced Word List (AWL)
- Weekly parent and child spelling test using the AWL
- Paired Reading Project (Years 7 and 8)
- Small group intervention with classes in English
- Use of Frayer Models in English
- Bespoke intervention through the Inclusion Centre
- Subscription to audio book scheme

# What should parents do at home to help their child?

#### Discussion

- What barriers are parents experiencing?
- What solutions/help have you found to overcome these?
- What books would you like more access to?
- How can you improve your child's access to books?
- Where are your local libraries?

## What should parents do at home to help their child?



#### How you can support at home

- Use the Advanced Word List to support at home on a weekly basis
- Visit your local library
- Dedicate a specific time in the evening where phones and devices are turned off and encourage a reading zone

## Key Take aways

- Be inquisitive and ask your child what they are reading
- When they are reading, spend some time reading yourself to model good habits
- Literacy can involve audio books
- Being a fluent reader will allow your child to not only access the curriculum, but will open a world of opportunities later in life