Reading Comprehension - How to Help Your Child Read It and Get It!

Reading is more than just turning pages, sounding out words and re-telling the story. If children don’t unlock meaning as they read, the words become meaningless and the enjoyment of reading will be lost.

Reading comprehension involves understanding what is read and finding ways to create meaning from the text. Good readers are active and apply similar strategies before, during, and after reading, whether they are reading a simple novel or a calculus textbook.

Good readers use a repertoire of strategies to unlock meaning. In any reading event, a number of these reading Micro-skills will be used simultaneously by a reader to aid comprehension.

Each of these skills will be explored in depth in the following editions of this newsletter. You may also access these articles by following the links on the school website.

RSS Reading Comprehension Micro-skills

- Sequencing
- Finding the main idea
- Connecting
- Predicting
- Visualising
- Inferring
- Recognising cause and effect
- Distinguishing between fact and fiction
- Comparing and contrasting
- Summarising
- Synthesising