



Welcome to St Martin's C of E Primary School Library!



Our purpose built library was opened in October 2016 by acclaimed children's author Piers Torday and is an environment which has been designed to encourage a love of books and a desire to read for pleasure.

We would like all our children to have the very best opportunity to make the most of what our library has to offer so we hope that this leaflet will be useful.

Break Time

The library is open at KS2 break times for quiet reading. Children can take this opportunity to borrow, return or renew books or bring their reading records and read to our librarians- as this read is in the child's free time it will be counted towards their 5 a week.



Lunch Time

The library organises various activities throughout KS2 lunchtimes aimed at reading for pleasure and 'book talk'. Activity Tuesdays (which run Tues-Thurs) are very popular! Children are invited to take part in a book inspired craft or event: Activities in the past have included a Harry Potter Sorting Hat spectacular, making our very own Paddington Bears and a variety of fun competitions.

Yr1 and 2 have a 'Story time Lunch time' where we share picture books from well-loved classics to new releases. Story times always end with funny songs and action rhymes.



As well as structured activities our library is open at lunchtimes to KS2 children who would like to spend this time colouring, reading or playing card or board games.

Library Life

Throughout the day the library is used by classes and children. Classes come to choose books, quietly read or hear a story. Children visit individually for one to one reading support or for guidance on what to read next. Small groups take part in Kindle clubs and book groups and reluctant readers take part in reading for pleasure activities. It is a very busy place very much at the heart of our school.



Borrowing Books

All children at St Martins are members of our library. They can borrow a maximum of 2 books/Audio CDs for 2 weeks. Many of our books have been donated by our parents so we ask that your child does their very best to look after our resources and return them in good condition. Unfortunately we ask for payment towards damaged or missing books. During break times and lunch times the library system is run by our Pupil Librarians and at all other times Mrs Brown, our Librarian, will be happy to assist.

Please Visit Us!

The library is open for parents/carers and children to visit:

**Daily 8:30am-8:45am
and
Mon-Thurs 3pm-3:30pm**

Please come and visit! Take time to choose, share and borrow a book or sit in one of our comfy beanbags and listen to your child read. Our library is a wonderful place to do your daily read for the reading record- especially if your child is reluctant to read at home.

Entrance to the library is via the school office.

