

## Bernards Heath Junior School



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Independent reading at home. All children have a reading book as well as a school library book. We do expect all children to read independently at home, either out loud or to themselves. In school we encourage reading all the time and a large part of each day's literacy lesson is taken up with the teaching of reading skills. We also organise guided reading sessions, where children sit with an adult, in groups of between 4 and 6, according to ability, and follow a structured "guided" reading activity. Our librarians also provide library skill lessons, as well as small reading groups. The independent reading at home is where children can practice the skills learnt at school, and develop as readers. It would not be possible for a class teacher to listen to 30 individual children each day in school. It is important that you sign your child's reading record, so that teachers can monitor how much reading at home children are doing. Reading with your child is the single most important contribution parents can make to help their children progress.