

Tuesday 16th September 2025

Dear Parents,

In order to develop the reading skills of our pupils further and to increase their reading mileage, we would like to give you more information about our initiatives at NBS Muriakh.

Children should read for a minimum of 20 minutes each day. Reading builds knowledge, fostering early learning and creating connections in the brain which promote language, cognitive, and social and emotional development. By reading with your child, you also help cultivate a lasting love of reading. Reading for pleasure can help prevent stress, and research shows that reading has a profound impact on academic success and beyond.

Benefits of reading with your children:

- Supported cognitive development
- Improved language skills
- Preparation for academic success
- Developing a special bond with your child
- Increased concentration and discipline
- Improved imagination and creativity
- Cultivating lifelong love of reading




Those Who Read Succeed!

Please talk to your child about the book they are currently reading and foster a love of reading culture at home.

Why read 20 minutes at home?

Child A Reads:	Child B Reads:	Child C Reads:
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year

The average word count for a typical novel is anywhere from 70,000 to 120,000 words

Between 15 and 25 books a year!	3 or 4 books a year	Less than one book per year
		

Want to be a better reader? Simply read!





Helpful steps for parents & guardians when reading with children:

- Step 1- Read the text slowly and carefully, using Phonics to sound out tricky words.
- Step 2- Identify unfamiliar words and try to work out their meanings through discussion.
- Step 3- Read the questions carefully- be sure what it is asking.
- Step 4- Skim and scan the text for key words and important information.
- Step 5- Answer the questions, using full sentences if necessary.

Individual Daily Reading

Students should continue to be encouraged to read daily to develop a love of reading. Each day when you have read with your child, their reading record should reflect what they read, and how many pages so that their teacher can monitor and reward them. This should be signed by an adult. Each day, the class teacher will be checking the reading record and awarding a point to those pupils who have read. At the end of the term, the top readers in the school will be invited to attend a surprise event to recognise and celebrate their efforts.

Muraikh Metro Movers

To further encourage reading, the results from the individual daily reading will be used for our 'Muraikh Metro Movers'. This competition which will take place between classes in each year group across Primary. The class with the highest number of readers that week will begin to move on the Doha Metro line which will be displayed in our assembly hall on Thursday during assembly. The first class to complete the Green Line will be rewarded.

Active Learn- Bug Club Reading

Class teachers will continue to assign two books to all students on Active Learn through Bug Club. Logins will be shared with you by Thursday 18th September.

We are looking forward to some healthy competition to further promote and encourage reading at NBS Muraikh. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your continued support and efforts to ensure the highest quality of education for our students.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Behan