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Literacy at St. Monica's Catholic Primary School in 2014

Talk is the Key to Your Child's Success:

- Of all the help you can give your child, the most important thing you can do **is talk** to them.
 - Through engaging in conversations about everything from what you're having for dinner to what they enjoyed about their day, you are gifting your children the opportunity to engage in meaningful speaking and listening in a situation that is relaxed and comfortable.
 - Talk is one of the keys to improved reading progress. Try to take the time to read to your child (or have them read to you) every day. You can read to them in any language, not just in English, and their literacy skills will improve.

Home Reading:

- Reading should be **fun – that way it will be more effective. Here are some tips:**
 - Talk about the story and the characters as you go along.
 - Let your child take over reading gradually as their confidence builds.
 - Visit the Library and borrow books that you enjoyed reading together.
 - Choose subjects your child prefers – factual books or stories.
 - Look for **words** in everyday life, not just books. Read newspaper headlines, shop signs or menus in cafes
 - Let your child see you enjoy reading whether it is a magazine, a book, or even a website.

Assessment Without Levels:

- Teachers will now be assessing children's progress in literacy using the Hackney Learning Trust's Assessment Without Levels guidance, so the language teachers use to talk about achievement is changing. (In Years 2 & 6 they will continue to use the levelling system until 2015)

Statutory Literacy Assessment:



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- **Year 1 phonics screening check:**
 - The check will take place in June when your child will read 40 words out loud to a teacher. You'll find out how your child did, and their teacher will assess whether he or she needs extra help with reading. If your child doesn't do well enough in the check they'll have to do it again in Year 2.
- **Key stage 1:**
- Key stage 1 tasks and tests cover reading, writing, speaking and listening.
 - The tasks and tests are taken when the school chooses.
 - Your child's teacher will use the child's work (including spoken work and homework) to work out your child's level of progress in each area.
 - You can ask for the results but they're only used to help the teacher assess your child's work.
- **Key stage 2:**
 - End of Key stage 2 tests (Year 6) cover English reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling.
 - The tests are taken in mid-May and last under 5.5 hours in total. You'll get the results in July. If your child is demonstrating higher achievement then the headteacher may put them in for extra tests.
 - When your child reaches the end of key stage 2 the teacher will also give reports on your child's progress in English.

Online Resources for Supporting Your Child at Home:

- Nursery & Reception:
 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/>
 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/eyfs/>
- Whole-school:
 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/0/25119208>
- KS1:
 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z3g4d2p>
- KS2:



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- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zbr9wmn>

Possible In-Person Resource for Supporting KS1 & KS1 Children:

- Into University: <http://intouniversity.org/content/intouniversity-hackney-south>