

Our Reading Vision Statement:

At EAF we believe reading is crucial. Reading empowers us. Through reading we can access and make sense of the world we live in. Indeed, reading enables us to successfully decode the information surrounding us daily. However, the importance of reading reaches far beyond this practical purpose too. Through reading we can become better people: we empathise, we challenge, we argue, we question, we debate and, most importantly, we grow. We grow because reading develops emotional intelligence, tolerance for difference and resilience; it exposes us to cultures we might not otherwise have experienced; it ‘arms’ us with broadened knowledge. Reading, then, empowers us to move beyond the physical limitations of home, classroom or workplace and beyond the invisible barriers of personal experience. It opens doors to new worlds and horizons increasing our vocabulary and cultural capital to better serve us throughout our lives. Without it, we can’t hope to take advantage of the opportunities available to us in the wider world and become the ‘best’ version of ourselves that we know we can be. Reading matters.

This is why at EAF, we are proud to be able to offer dedicated reading sessions for our students, and proud to prioritise reading within and around our subjects’ curriculum content. Although we do offer additional reading clubs for our students, we value reading as an intrinsic part of our whole learning experience and plan our students’ learning so that reading widely and often is an integral part of their learning journey.

