




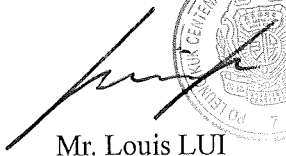
**Po Leung Kuk Centenary Li Shiu Chung Memorial College
Extensive Reading Scheme in English (ERS) for F.1 to F.3**

Dear Parents,

Does your child like reading? As a secondary school student, s/he needs a sound language foundation and extensive general knowledge for effective learning in an array of subjects. This year, the school wishes to get your support in encouraging your child to read more English books.

The information about the ERS for F.1 to F.3 is attached for your reference. We would appreciate it if you could go through it in detail.

With warm regards,



Mr. Louis LUI

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敬啟者：

您的子女喜歡閱讀英文書籍嗎？升中後，他需要穩固的語文基礎及豐富的課外知識，以此提升學習成效。閱讀能有效提升語文水平，謹此期盼您能積極鼓勵 貴子女多閱讀英文書籍。

現隨函附上一份本校英語廣泛閱讀計劃(ERS)(中一至中三)資料，敬希查閱。

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甚麼是廣泛閱讀？

廣泛閱讀的含意包括下列四方面：

- 興趣 — 閱讀個人感興趣的書籍
- 速度 — 閱讀得快速
- 數量 — 閱讀大量不同類型的書籍 (例如：自傳、自然科學、故事、傳記、歷史、運動、哲學等)
- 合適水平 — 從容地閱讀適合個人程度的書籍

廣泛閱讀為甚麼這樣重要？

提高外語 (如英語) 水平的最佳方法是到外語國家 (如英國, 美國等) 生活, 其次就是大量閱讀外語 (如英語) 書籍。

本校學生每循環週約有九至十節英文課。雖然這些英文課可以幫助學習英語, 但單靠每循環週約六至七小時的英文課是不足夠的, 學生需要更多接觸英語的機會, 而廣泛閱讀便可以補充課堂上的教學。專家指出, 廣泛閱讀有下列的好處：

1. 學生有機會接觸和學習各類型的英語, 提高他們的英語水平。
2. 學生的常識有所提升。
3. 學生被故事內容吸引便會自發地閱讀更多書籍, 因而養成良好的閱讀習慣, 日後面對艱深的課程也不會覺得困難。
4. 當閱讀成為課餘的嗜好, 子女便不容易學壞。

你的子女應用多少時間進行廣泛閱讀？

1. 在課堂上閱讀

你的子女每循環週將有兩個教節在老師的指導下進行廣泛閱讀。他可在堂上閱讀或借閱自己喜歡的書籍。有時老師會進行簡短的討論或與其他同學分享。

2. 在課餘時間閱讀

單靠在課堂上進行廣泛閱讀, 接觸英語的機會仍是不足夠的; 你的子女應在課餘時間多閱讀, 甚至養成每天看書的好習慣! 校方希望學生在放學後善用餘暇, 多作閱讀; 而家長亦應鼓勵他在家中閱讀。

* 本校英文科要求中一至中三學生於課堂及課外合計每個月閱讀最少兩本英文課外書。本校已安排英文閱讀級別測試(ERS Placement Test), 中一學生將獲知其合適的閱讀級別, 以作日後閱讀校內 ERS 英文圖書所用。

如何幫助你的子女培養閱讀英文書籍的習慣？

1. 給你的子女鼓勵和讚賞

你的鼓勵和讚賞可激發你的子女閱讀更多書籍。如果你的子女知道你支持他、並明白閱讀課外書是有益處的, 他定會對自己在閱讀方面的成績感到驕傲。而你亦可用以下的方式鼓勵他。

- a) 詢問他這個月看了多少本書。
- b) 詢問他哪本書值得推介給家人或親朋。
- c) 跟他討論書本內容, 或
- d) 作適當的獎勵。

2. 提供有助閱讀的環境

要達到這目的有很多方法: 你可為孩子在家中安排一個寧靜的閱讀環境, 如未能做到這點, 也可每晚騰出一個多小時, 讓子女安靜地看書。你亦應鼓勵子女在周末及漫長的假期如聖誕節、農曆新年、復活節及暑假期間閱讀。此外, 逛書店、圖書館及內地的書城都是很好的消閒活動, 兼且能夠幫助培養子女的文化氣質。

* 過往的經驗證明, 閱讀大量英文書籍的兒童, 英文都有顯著的進步。然而這並非一朝一夕的事, 而是要一、兩年時間才可見到成果的。我們希望你的子女也像其他兒童一樣, 從廣泛閱讀中獲得益處。

你的支持和鼓勵定能幫助子女達到以上的目標。



WHAT IS EXTENSIVE READING?

Extensive Reading means four things:

- Interest – reading books of their interest
- Speed – reading quickly
- Quantity – reading a lot of books of different types e.g. auto-biography, biography, fiction, science, history, sports, philosophy etc.
- Right level – reading comfortably

WHY IS EXTENSIVE READING IMPORTANT?

The best way to improve one's knowledge of a foreign language (e.g. English) is to go and live among its speakers (in Britain or the USA). The next best way is to read extensively in it.

As our student, your child will have about 9–10 English lessons each cycle. The English lessons are very important in helping your child to learn English, but about 7 hours of English per cycle cannot provide enough exposure to the English language. That is why it is very important to complement classroom teaching with an Extensive Reading Scheme. Experts have pointed out the following advantages of extensive reading:

1. Reading books of various topics will help students to become more proficient in English as they will be exposed to and will acquire a rich variety of natural English.
2. Reading leads students to a much wider world of knowledge.
3. Because the books are interesting, the students are motivated to read more and form a good habit of reading which can definitely help them cope with the difficult syllabus in the future.
4. A child who loves reading seldom goes astray.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOUR CHILD BE READING?

1. Reading in class

Your child will be given two reading lessons per cycle when s/he will learn to read under the guidance of the teacher. During these lessons, s/he will read any English books s/he likes. The teacher may hold discussions/sharing sessions with the class.

2. Reading out of class

Reading in class alone cannot lead to enough exposure to English. Your child should read out of class as well. In fact, s/he should do some reading every day! The school will encourage your child to make good use of their time reading after school. We also need your support to encourage your child to read at home.

****The English Department's basic requirement for F.1 – F.3:**

Minimum number of books to be read each month in & out of class: 2.

* The ERS Placement Test for F.1 students was held in August to determine the reading level most suitable for them on the ERS Program at school.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP YOUR CHILD TO DEVELOP A READING HABIT IN ENGLISH?

1. Encouragement and praise

Your encouragement and praise will motivate your child to read more. If s/he knows that you support him/her and understand that it is useful to read English books, s/he will be proud of his/her achievements in reading. You can also show your concern by

- a) asking him/her how many books s/he has read this month,
- b) seeking his/her advice on recommending good books to friends and relatives,
- c) sharing or discussing the contents of the books s/he has read, and
- d) giving appropriate prizes/ presents as encouragement.

2. Providing an atmosphere conducive to reading

There are lots of ways to achieve: You can give your child a quiet place to read at home, or if that is not possible, an hour or so every evening when s/he can read quietly. You should also give your child opportunities to read during the weekends and the long vacations like Christmas, Chinese New Year, Easter and the Summer Holidays.

Apart from this, visiting book stores, libraries or Book Centers in the Mainland can also be a very good pastime, which can help much in cultivating your child's charisma

*** Past experiences have proved that children who read a lot will show marked improvement in their English. This may not happen overnight, but the difference will be seen in one or two years' time. We hope your child will benefit from this Extensive Reading Scheme like many other children.**

Your support and encouragement will help your child to achieve this goal.