

Dear Parents/Carers,

In KS1, at Colley Lane Primary Academy, we are having a big focus on reading this year. To help children's understanding of the different skills involved in reading and comprehension, we have introduced the Colley Lane Reading Dogs. These reading dogs each focus on a particular skill (linking to the reading domains) and support children in learning how to understand what they are reading.

All of the dogs will have been introduced to the children by Christmas. We will then continue to explore texts using the dogs to help us as the year goes on. To help your child at home with their reading and understanding of the text, your child's class teacher will be sending home some bookmarks with different questions which link to each of the dogs.

At parents' evening there will be a board available for you to meet the dogs and see the kinds of questions linking to each of them.

To find out about the dogs for yourself, please turn the sheet over to see who they are and what they do.

Thank you for your continued support,

The English Team.

The dogs are:



Victor Vocabulary.

Victor is there to help you work out the meaning of unknown words and phrases using clues in the text to



Rex Retriever.

Rex is there to help you to go into a text and simply retrieve the facts and key details.



Sequencing Suki.

Suki likes to sequence and order events in the text. This means that she is there to help you to think about the **order** that things happen in. She may ask you what happened first or last. She could ask you to match events



Iggy Inference.

Iggy will help you hunt for clues in a text about how someone might be feeling or why something is happening.



Predicting Pip.

Pip tries to see the future and she will help you to work out what might happen next from the clues in the text.