

Reading is a key skill and is based at the heart of our curriculum. It allows children to be transported to other worlds and immersed in the lives of fictional characters. They learn new words, phrases, experience new emotions, and acquire skills and knowledge. It is commonly said that a child's future academic success is directly linked to their reading proficiency.

Enjoying Books in School

We love reading stories every day in EYFS. We also enjoy sharing poems and rhymes.

High quality texts also enhance other parts of our curriculum, including Drawing club, topics, themes and interests.

Children enjoy spending time in our cozy, inviting book areas, which are full of books, cushions, blankets, teddies to read to and puppets that link to our key stories.

We also have books in other areas of provision for example recipe books in the playdough area, building books in construction and number books in our maths area.

Learning to Read

In F2 children read in school every day to their reading group teacher. This might be reading a single letter or reading whole words and sentences.

We assess your child's reading every half term (6 weeks). Your child's reading book will be changed at least once every week depending on their phonics group.

Comprehensions skills are taught whenever we enjoy stories together.

High Quality Books

All the books we read to your children are carefully chosen to ensure they experience a wide range of vocabulary and plot structures, igniting their imagination and inspiring their curiosity. We also look at non-fiction books, using them to find out more information about a wide variety of topics.

We send home a story book each week for you to enjoy reading with your child. Reading together helps children develop vocabulary, concentration, empathy, and imagination. It can also be a lovely calming activity before bed. Those cozy moments with a picture book create memories and connections that last far beyond childhood. Hopefully this will also foster a love of reading for life.

Once children are ready, they will also be given a Read Write Inc. 'take home book' which is closely matched to your child's reading ability, based on regular half termly assessments.



Reading is the Key to Success - EYFS



Supporting your Child at Home

We ask that you and your child read together 4 times per week. Initially this will be enjoying a story book together. Ask children questions such as 'what might happen next' or 'how does that character feel'. This will help them with their comprehension skills.

When children are ready, they will be given a simple reading book. Children will be able to blend the sounds together to read the words. They will have had lots of practise with this at school.

F2 children will have a reading diary for you to write in when they read. This will ensure they receive their weekly reading certificate. Try to make reading time enjoyable by finding a quiet, comfy space together. Use lots of praise because learning to read is not easy! Please ensure books and diaries are returned to school every day.

Unfortunately, we charge a fee of £5 for any lost or damaged books. This is to ensure that we have enough books in school.

Ask your child what books we have been reading at school. You can also find out by looking at our half termly newsletter

Parents in Partnership

In order for our children to become successful readers, it is crucial that school and parents work together. Parents make a significant contribution to their child's learning, with children showing greater social and emotional development when supported by home.