

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. Children learn new words, develop compassion, 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 ability.

Enjoying Books in School

Children listen to the class story every day.

Children also enjoy listening to poems by a range of different poets, as well as learning poetry.

High quality texts also enhance other parts of our curriculum, including writing, PHSE and Topic.

Children visit our school library at least once a week and share books.

Children are also encouraged to spend time reading our ELS books that come into school termly to enhance our Topic.

Teaching Reading

Our lowest readers, read with an adult 3 times a week in school to help them to make progress.

We assess your child's reading every term to make sure they are always reading suitable books.

Comprehension skills are taught whole class, as part of our Talk4Reading programme, where children study quality texts and learn to talk about them in depth.

In KS2, reading takes place across all curriculum subjects that your child takes part in.

High Quality Books

All the books we read to your children are carefully chosen to ensure they experience a wide range of different genres and plot structures, igniting their imagination and inspiring their curiosity.

When your child completes Read write Inc, they move on to our Accelerated Reader programme. Again, children are assessed regularly (Star Assessments) to ensure they are choosing books from the correct ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development). This is the range of books that will challenge your child without causing frustration or loss of motivation.

We regularly purchase new books as we are committed to ensuring your child has as wide a choice of books as possible.

Reading is the Key to Success - KS2



Accelerated Reader (AR)

AR is a computer program that helps us manage and monitor your child's independent reading practice. Children choose their own books that fall within their ZPD level. When they have finished reading, they take a short quiz on the iPad - passing the quiz gives us an indication that your child has understood what they have read. If they are reading at the recommended level for them, then most children are likely to be successful and enjoy the books and quizzes. Best of all they learn and grow at their own pace.



Supporting your Child at Home

We ask that your child reads to you 3 times per week for 10 – 15 minutes.

Log your child's reading in their diary, so we can ensure they are practicing this important skill regularly.

Try to make reading time enjoyable by finding a quiet, comfy space where you both feel relaxed.

Ask them simple questions to check their understanding.

Use lots of positive language to praise their efforts – learning to read and understand is not easy!

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 always have enough books for all children.

Read to your child as often as possible as part of your evening routine. This helps build vocabulary, concentration skills, increases their imagination and creativity and fosters a love of reading for life.

Ask them about any of the books that we are reading at school.

A visit to a local Library is also a great weekend activity – children love choosing new books!

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 if supported by home.