



St Peter and St Paul's Church of England Primary School

Reading in EYFS and KSI



The amazing power of reading!

- Creating a love of reading in children is potentially one of the most powerful ways of helping them to access the world around them-the opportunities are endless!

In school, we will be immersing your child within many reading experiences. This could be reading with your child on a 1:1 basis, daily phonics teaching, guided reading sessions and daily story time.

Your child may bring home two books. Their main book is their banded reading book and linked to the school reading scheme. This book is based on their own individual reading ability and will be in line with their phonics learning. Their second book will be a book to share and enjoy at home and will belong to our school library.

This is to encourage reading for pleasure and is a book that an adult can read to your child, or that you can read alongside your child to simply enjoy sharing together.

Please read with your child at home at least three times per week. This will support their phonics learning and fluency in reading.

EYFS and KS1 Phonics

Using the Red Rose Phonics Scheme for the basis of our teaching, we aim to teach the children the phonetic skills they require to be able to orally blend words and then blend to read words fluently. Each day we teach a 30-minute phonics session which is fun and interactive for the children using a range of stimulating resources and approaches. Phonic knowledge and skills are regularly monitored and assessed to ensure rapid and sustained progress and reading books are sent home that are matched to a child's personal phonic ability.

Year 2

In Year 2, the school year starts with a revision of previously taught phonic skills and then, later in the Autumn term, children are introduced to spelling patterns and rules. We continue to follow the Red Rose Spelling guidance that has been developed by the Lancashire professional development team and consolidates learning from the Red Rose Phonics in EYFS and Year 1.

A Guide to Book Chat

Research indicates that parents who regularly read with their children at home lay solid foundations for language and literacy development. It's a precious time for you both to relax, share your thoughts and feelings, have fun and chat together. Whilst sharing books, your child has your undivided attention, and the conversation, connection and enjoyment they experience is invaluable.

To promote children's pleasure in reading and foster the habit, we need to read to children and with them and to talk to them about books. These conversations are crucial as they help children to engage and think deeply.

There are several ways to prompt book chat, these are our Top Tips.

Watch and listen carefully to follow their interests

Observe and respond: Pay attention to what captures your child's attention and build on their interests, for example, 'Oh, you've spotted the...!'

Leave pauses: So they can look closely and think, this will lead to comments on the pictures or questions. Respond to their lead and let the book chat flow.

Invite your child to get involved

Pose questions: Open questions encourage thinking and discussion, such as, 'How do you think the boy is feeling?'. Try to avoid closed questions, such as 'What colour is that?'; these have a single answer and don't keep the conversation going.

Draw attention to illustrations: Encourage your child to notice details in the pictures and think what they might mean, for example, 'Look! What's that hiding, what do you think it might be?'.
Ponder and wonder: Encourage your child to think about what might happen, using phrases such as, 'I wonder if/whether/what/why/what...?'.
Make personal connections: Picture storybooks not only allow children to empathise with the experiences of fictional characters but enable them to make sense of events in their own lives. Talk about connections, for example, 'That reminds me of when...'.
Comment on your feelings: By sharing your emotional response to a character or something that's happened you encourage your child to do the same, helping them engage and learn to express their emotions.
Your combined pleasure counts: Bring the story to life with facial expression, actions and sounds, encouraging your child to join in! Do offer information to help with unfamiliar words, such as 'That's the hen coop, it's where the hens live', but keep the focus on fun.

Wonder and connect to your lives

Share your emotional responses!

Keep it light and enjoyable!

Book Chat

Developing a Love of Reading



Book Chat encourages readers. Open questions, comments and prompts get the Book Chat going. Invite your child to make connections and share views.

Join in with your thoughts too!

Book Chat develops language, comprehension and pleasure.



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