



'Let your light shine.'

Matthew 5.16

Reading

Our aim is to give our children the tools to be fluent, intelligent readers with a love a reading.

We start the journey in Reception teaching 'Letters and Sounds' through the Pearson 'Bug Club' phonics scheme. This enables us to deliver a rigorous, systematic and fun phonics programme. This is combined with a range of daily reading activities within the class so the children become confident, enthusiastic readers. Once the children have mastered phonics, we supplement the reading books with a range of other quality books so that children can experience a range of genres and authors arranged in book bands.

In Year 2, the children continue their journey with Pathways2Read. Through engaging in shared and grouped reading sessions, the children develop their reading skills to understand inference, master a wide range of vocabulary and learn to reason and debate their ideas, based on the evidence of the text. This continues throughout Key stage 2 up to Year 6. To embed their love of reading, the children read a wide range of classic and current authors, poetry, newspapers and non-fiction texts.

Reading at home each night is invaluable, as it gives children time to practise the skills taught in school. Children and parents are encouraged to share books on a regular basis. We are constantly updating our books with new titles to engage the children and cater for all tastes. Infant children take home books matched to their phonic ability and then book banded books. They also have access to online books and activities. Junior children can earn points by completing online quizzes about the books they have read

independently using Accelerated Reader, a proven aid to helping children succeed in reading.