

EYFS Phonics and Reading Offer



Every day in EYFS we have opportunities for reading for pleasure. Our cosy book corner is always available with beanbags as a choosing activity throughout the school day. We regularly rotate the books so that there is always a new variety of different texts; both fiction and non-fiction. Our schemes of work are influenced by our topic each half-term, allowing us to shape all of our subject areas around a different book related to that topic each week.

We have a daily Phonics session every morning in class and have a sound of the week. We use Twinkl resources and Rhino readers. We have a routine where we begin the week reviewing and assessing our sounds, then practice them throughout the week and then apply them by Friday. Our Phonics sessions in class can be very exploratory and messy and they also help us to develop early writing and mark making skills. We focus on environmental sounds as well and distinguishing different musical sounds. We have a daily story time before lunch; which has become a ritual that we all look forward to and anticipate. We ensure that we choose a wide variety of texts so that we also incorporate some short non-fiction texts as well as poetry and rhymes. Most of all we all try and join in with the repeated phrases and refrains or actions.

We have a weekly library and reading room session where we read books together and record it in our reading records. We also have the chance to choose a favourite book to take home in our reading folder to share with our family at home and change this regularly every week. We are beginning to use Twinkl Rhino Readers. We also watch animations of our favourite stories such as "Owl Babies" and "We're going on a Bear Hunt." Sometimes we try to incorporate our reading into our play such as acting out familiar scenes from a book such as "The Tiger who came to Tea."

We believe that reading for pleasure will have a positive impact on our children's achievement and we always talk about our own favourite stories. We encourage our pupils to point to pictures and engage with the pictures as well as the texts. Our aim is to inspire children and enable them to become confident and enthusiastic readers. Our purpose is to develop an early love for reading and the knowledge to explore books appropriately. Our pupils also learn that reading and sharing books together can help develop their own interests. EYFS is the very beginning of the reading journey; so we ensure that our pupils love to choose books, share them and be excited or relaxed and calmed by them.

