

KS1 and KS2 Reading Schemes

Whitehill Community Academy aims to make reading enjoyable and fun. We aim to immerse children in rich quality texts and encourage a love of reading.

How is Reading taught at Whitehill?

EYFS

Early reading is promoted from the beginning of nursery. Phonics is introduced from phase 1 using the Letters and Sounds teaching sequence alongside Ruth Miskin resources. Phase 1 teaches the children to differentiate between sounds (environmental, inside, outside etc) allowing them to develop a chronological awareness. This is then followed by the teaching of explicit letter sounds from phase 2 during the summer term.

Once the children move to Reception, Letters and Sounds is continued.

KS1

In KS1 we continue to teach a daily phonics lesson following the Letters and Sounds programme. Once the children are confident with all phases, they move onto the Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc. Spelling programme. Discreet reading lessons are also taught to develop children's vocabulary and comprehension skills.

KS2

Building on from KS1, children continue to follow the Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc. Spelling programme which compliments the National Curriculum. Reading lessons continue to develop children's vocabulary and comprehension skills.

How do we promote a love of reading at Whitehill?

To ensure children are immersed in a variety of rich quality texts we have recently replenished our school libraries. The children now have a range of carefully selected books that are aimed at their reading level whilst also capturing their interest. Children are encouraged to choose their own books within their academic band.

How can you support your child in reading?



'If you are going to get anywhere in life, you have to read a lot of books!'

Roald Dahl



EYFS

From the beginning of nursery, children are encouraged to take a story bag home and fill it with their favourite book. This is then shared with their key worker and group at the end of each day. This is continued in Reception.

In Reception, reading books and weekly sounds will start to be sent home. Towards the end of the year, words are sent home for children to read and put into sentences. Parents are encouraged to support their child with this.

There is an annual 'learning at home' information evening which parents are encouraged to attend to learn how they can support their children at home.

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Children are expected to read a minimum of 3 times a week at home. Although we do encourage them to read their school reading book, this can be done through other resources such as magazines, newspapers, kindle apps, own books from home etc. Any form of home reading should be recorded in their school reading records and rewards will be given to children who read regularly at home.