

THE YEAR OF READING SO FAR.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO RECENTLY?

Building a school wide love of reading

Pupils

- Each class has developed an engaging reading area with opportunities for the pupils and teachers to recommend texts
- Fundraising at the end of last year has helped to fund new books for the classrooms
- KS1 have reading mascots to take home alongside their reading books.
- A new book fair was invited in to school selling quality texts. Feedback from the children showed that our pupils had appreciated the time in school to browse and purchase books alongside their friends and teachers.
- All 317 pupils have used a butterfly shape to note something about their favourite author/book a display in the entrance hall.
- All of our pupils share the class story time straight after lunch and pupils are given time each day to develop their own enjoyment of reading.
- A Poem in your Pocket has ensured that each class and members of staff have had access to at least one new poem on a weekly basis and we have trained Year 5 Poem in Your Pocket Monitors to help with the organisation of this.
- Our Headteacher is invited in to classes to share books and poetry



Staff

- A love of reading has been developed amongst the staff through a staff book swap and recommendation shelf and staff reading habits are shared with the children.

Parents

- Parents have received information on reading through an initial parents' evening.
- Café boards advertise reading events and recommendations for our parents.
- Each half term parents are invited in to our classrooms to take part in sharing the class book and reading with their children.
- A parent book swap shed has been developed to help spread a love of reading beyond the school walls.
- Foundation parents share books with children at the end of each Friday afternoon.



Improving and enhancing the teaching of reading for all of our pupils

- A questionnaire has highlighted areas of strength and development for reading.
- Interventions and catch up programmes are in place and monitored
- Each classroom has new vocabulary linked to the texts clearly displayed for the children.
- Staff have a focus on ensuring pupils are choosing and reading appropriate texts on a regular basis.
- Our English Curriculum Governor has been involved in pupil questionnaires and has also been invited to attend staff training.

Research and Upskilling

- We started the year with a staff meeting on quality recommended reads for children which we have purchased some through fundraising.
- All of our staff have received up to date training on phonics
- Our Senior Leaders received training from Pie Corbett through DDAT and have ensured the reading spine is used in school.
- All staff have had recent up to date and bespoke training on the pedagogy of reading with further training planned.
- Senior Leaders have received training on reading provided by Marilyn Motrom through DDAT
- Members of staff have attended a City Book Club for teachers.

What will be happening in the near future??

Training

- Further training on phonics will be provided for staff
- Book Talk will be developed further.
- All volunteer adults will receive training on sharing books with children.
- Parents' information evenings with their class teachers and pupils

Resources and enhancement

- New books will be purchased through fundraising events to ensure that pupils learning phonics have a phonics matched reading book as well as a "Take home and Share" book in their book bags.
- Developing new improved reading records for pupils and staff.
- Year 5/6 pupils will have the opportunity to join and visit the local library and arrangements have been made for Year 5/6 pupils to visit West Park Library and discuss choosing books with the librarian,
- Following training we will develop our reading lessons further, ensuring greater consistency through school.
- Being involved in the Derby City Events such as Derby Book Week and the Derby Picture Book Award
- Exciting Book Challenges will be planned to match the interest of the year group
- Book week for the whole school
- Poetry Recital week
- Develop a poetry spine
- Continue to develop and refresh the provision for becoming lifelong readers in school