

Our Reading curriculum aims to develop pupils into confident, fluent, and enthusiastic readers. Through the exploration of high-quality texts and the development of key reading skills, pupils should be encouraged to engage with a wide range of literature, deepen their understanding, and foster a lifelong love of reading. They are supported in developing comprehension strategies that allow them to interpret, analyse, and appreciate written texts in meaningful ways.

Our curriculum fosters a love of Reading by ensuring that pupils:

- ✓ **Build knowledge** – Developing phonics skills, vocabulary, and comprehension strategies to become proficient readers.
- ✓ **Develop curiosity** – Encouraging pupils to explore diverse texts, ask questions, and engage critically with stories and information.
- ✓ **Strengthen fluency** – Supporting pupils in becoming confident, expressive, and fluent readers through structured practice and exposure to rich literature.
- ✓ **Link Reading to Everyday Life** – Cultivating an understanding of how reading empowers communication, learning, and creativity in all areas of life.
- ✓ **Connect learning to real-world careers** – Highlighting the importance of reading across professions and demonstrating how literacy opens doors to knowledge and opportunity.

Each text has been carefully chosen and planned to ensure that our curriculum principles and intent can be achieved.



By connecting our learning in Reading to our Big Idea curriculum, pupils also develop a deep understanding of these abstract concepts. This approach supports the development of critical thinking, curiosity, and cross-disciplinary connections, equipping pupils with the skills and understanding they need to navigate the world around them and become the best version of themselves.

<b>Community</b>	How do shared reading experiences and discussion about stories help us develop a deeper understanding of our role within a community?
<b>Human Rights</b>	In what ways can diverse texts introduce us to key concepts of human rights and encourage empathy for different perspectives?
<b>Stewardship</b>	How can stories about nature, conservation, and responsibility inspire us to think about our role in caring for the environment?
<b>Resilience</b>	How does the exploration of characters overcoming challenges in stories help us build our own resilience and problem-solving skills?
<b>Equality</b>	How can books featuring diverse characters and experiences support our understanding of equality and fairness?
<b>Health</b>	How can reading about physical and emotional well-being in fiction and non-fiction books help us make informed choices about our own health?
<b>Technology</b>	In what ways do stories about technological advancements shape our curiosity and understanding of innovation in the modern world?
<b>Wonder</b>	How does exposure to imaginative and thought-provoking literature nurture our sense of wonder and creativity in our learning?

