

Heathfield Schools' Curriculum Overview

Reading

Subject Intent
Reading The reading curriculum will ensure that children will be able to: Read with increasing ease and fluency. Understand and explain the content of a wide range of high quality texts. Appreciate how a love of reading enhances their lives. Read for enjoyment and information to develop a love of reading.

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		Story time takes place daily. Teachers carefully select texts that expose them to different realities and that they will enjoy.	
		Home Reading Children continue to take home one book that is carefully matched to their phonic phase and reading step. When children can confidently decode using their phonetic knowledge other reading scheme books are available which draw upon a wider range of reading strategies. The expectation is that reading diaries are completed each night and these are monitored by class teachers daily. Each term a year group will take home a variety of poetry packs to enjoy sharing with their families.	
		Key Stage 2	
		<u>Power of Reading</u> teaching sequences provide an engaging text which maximise the opportunities for whole class reading within a writing unit. These texts are chosen to reflect the backgrounds, identities and interests of the children.	
		<u>Phonic sessions</u> are taught daily in Year 3 during the Autumn term based on assessed need. The Read Write Inc. phonic programme is used as an intervention tool to support children in the lowest 20% or those who are at risk of falling behind.	
		<u>Guided sessions</u> are taught daily. Year groups plan for a variety of texts and genres. Books planned for are chosen to match reading steps, which ensure coverage of skills appropriate for the needs of the children. A carousel approach is used to promote a love of reading.	
		<u>1:1 assessments</u> are carried out termly to support teacher's assessment of each child's reading ability.	
		<u>Comprehension</u> is taught as close reading sessions within the Power of Reading Teaching sequences. Explicit teaching of reading strategies supports and develops children's understanding of comprehension skills.	
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