



Reading at Maple Grove Primary School

At Maple Grove Primary School we are proud to promote reading skills for life. We teach reading through the use of Systematic Synthetic Phonics and use Letters and Sounds in order to develop children's early phonological recognition and awareness.

Once children are secure in their use of sounds for word building, we encourage them to apply their skills using a range of texts. We have a well established resource base across two libraries (KS1 and KS2) that enable children to access a wide range of genre both in class and at home. We use the Oxford Reading Tree resources as our main scheme for progressive reading development, however this is supplemented with a huge selection of 'real' picture books that are available in classrooms and in the school library. The school library also provides a rich resource for non-fiction texts; where children can discover books that give them information about a wide range of subjects and poetry books. All classes have scheduled time within the library to select and explore the wide range of books on offer for them.

Children are all taught reading skills during a daily phonics session in KS1 and we run a regular parent course in partnership with BEST and workshops that help our families to understand how they can support their children with this crucial early learning skill. KS1 children also have three basic skills sessions during the week that teaches explicit reading comprehension skills and also promotes reading for pleasure. In KS2, once the children are secure in all basic reading and de-coding skills, we develop their love of reading and accuracy through a daily session that focuses on evaluation skills and extracting key information from a range of texts.

Our more able readers once they have read through the stages of the Oxford Reading tree in KS1 are encouraged to widen their reading experiences with a range of chapter books that are graded as bronze, silver and gold. In KS2 these extended reading opportunities continue as the children become 'free readers'.

In order to encourage the children to read both at school and at home, we offer a class based reading incentive scheme. This is based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and invites the child to read 10 books at home in order to earn a 'Golden Ticket'. Once the child has received their 'Golden Ticket', they may exchange it for a small prize.

All children at Maple Grove Primary read with an adult a minimum of once per week and for children who require further support, daily sessions are conducted.