

Churchfields the Village School

Reading

Intent

We believe reading is an important life skill and enabling our children to be successful and confident readers is a priority. Opportunities to enjoy reading and consolidate and extend reading skills are provided across all subjects to ensure reading is at the heart of our curriculum.

Implementation

We have a complete Synthetic Phonics Programme which is followed from EYFS to Year 2, teaching children the decoding skills needed for word reading. Children are provided with carefully selected reading books that match their decoding ability. Children read with teaching staff in school frequently, changing their reading books regularly and parents are supported at home to read with their children to build fluency. Books to be shared at home for enjoyment are also taken home frequently. In KS2, children continue to follow a levelled 'free reader' reading scheme which ensures children read books that support and develop their reading ability and are provided with a range of high-quality texts.

In KS2, children are taught the skills needed to become confident readers in whole class reading lessons. In these sessions, children are required to read and demonstrate an understanding of the text. This provides an assessment opportunity for teachers to identify strengths and next steps for learning. A wide range of texts and genres are covered in these sessions, including non-fiction, fiction and poetry.

All classes have a welcoming book area with carefully selected books for children to choose from, as well as an extensive library in shared areas. Time to enjoy reading is carefully planned into the weekly timetable as well as opportunities for children to discuss chosen texts and recommendations with their peers and teacher. We use the Wiltshire Library Services, borrowing book boxes linked to topics and the children's interests to enable children to use their reading skills and extend their breadth of knowledge of the subjects in our rich curriculum. Every year we celebrate Book Week, with activities carefully planned to extend children's cultural capital through engaging literature trips, welcoming authors into our school and celebrating books based on a chosen theme.

Impact

By the time children leave Churchfields, they are competent, skilled readers who are passionate about literature and reading. They are able to apply their reading skills in a range of contexts, enabling them to be independent and responsible learners. Children are able to carefully select books that will challenge them and will take risks with the books they choose, reading a range of genres and styles. They will be able to discuss their reading at length, make links to their knowledge and understanding and evaluate the author's language choices and the impact this has on the reader.