



Barnfields Primary School: Reading Curriculum

Subject Leader Curriculum Intent, Implementation and Impact Overview					
Subject Quest: Acquire knowledge and make meaning for practical application or when reading for pleasure.					
The Six Core Concepts at Barnfields					
Fluency	Phonics	Quality Texts	Speaking and Listening	Reading Response	Reading Culture
Intent	Supporting Research	Implementation		Impact	
<p><i>From the moment that children join Barnfields Primary School, early reading is prioritised. High expectations drive our reading curriculum to ensure that all children develop into confident, capable readers.</i></p>	<p>The Reading Framework: teaching the foundations of literacy (January 2022) Guidance on phonics and securing early reading.</p> <p>The Reading Framework (July 2023) Updated guidance on reading for early reading and beyond.</p> <p>Reading Reconsidered by Doug Lemov Discussing the importance of text selection, Doug Lemov explains the 5 plagues of reading and how these can expose children to a wide range of texts. He champions the approach of close reading to fully understand complex texts. Additionally, he explains the importance of prior knowledge and vocabulary to reading comprehension and describes strategies to develop best practice.</p>	<p>In EYFS and Year 1, children are taught to read through a systematic phonics programme (Little Wandle for Letters and Sounds). Phonics lessons take place daily and builds on the children’s recall of GPCs in addition to blending and segmenting words. Reading books are carefully selected to match each child’s reading ability, ensuring that they are fully decodable. At this crucial stage of learning to read, children in Reception and Year 1 read with a teacher or teaching assistant at least three times a week focusing on decoding, prosody and comprehension. Regular and rigorous assessment allows for keep-up sessions to take place for children who are at risk from falling behind. From Year 2, a rapid catch-up programme is taught to those children who have not yet secured their phonic knowledge to achieve the expected level of fluency by the end of our phonics programme.</p> <p>When children successfully complete the phonics programme, colour-banded books are assigned to them for their reading books from purple to topaz. If Year 2 children become confident and capable readers of topaz books, they complete a star reader quiz on Accelerated Reader to allocate them a book band which matches their reading-age. Children in Reception and KS1 have reading diaries which are checked weekly to monitor the texts, frequency of reading and to communicate between school and home about reading.</p>		<p>Children leave Year 1 reading at age-related expectations</p> <p>Children read books that are well-matched to their reading ability</p> <p>Children are able to understand the books that they read by themselves and by others</p> <p>Children enjoy being successful at reading</p>	
<p><i>At Barnfields Primary School, reading is at the heart of all that we do; it is our aim to nurture a lifelong love of</i></p>	<p>The Art and Science of Teaching Primary Reading by Christopher Such</p>	<p>At Barnfields Primary School, we follow the National Curriculum. Our reading curriculum is coherent and progressive to ensure that children develop skills in fluency and comprehension throughout</p>		<p>Children are excited about reading and engaged in lessons</p>	

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<p><i>reading though a curriculum where children learn to read with confidence, fluency and understanding. Each day, children are exposed to the wonders of high-quality texts which inspire a sense of awe and wonder, develop their imagination and allow them to grow culturally, socially and emotionally.</i></p>	<p>This book explores the technical and practical aspects of how children learn to read, demonstrating how significant research can be interpreted in different teaching contexts to maximise reading outcomes.</p> <p>Closing the Reading Gap by Alex Quigley Barriers to reading are explained and practical strategies are given to create a rich reading culture that enables every pupil to thrive in reading.</p> <p>Hooked on Books by Jane Considine Jane Considine’s approach to reading advocates a mix of ‘book talk’, demonstration reading to model comprehension strategies and an independent reading to apply taught strategies.</p> <p>Ashley Booth’s Reading Curriculum Ashley Booth champions the necessity of reading to children for 15 minutes a day. Alongside this he has been successful with a whole class reading approach and a planned strategy for questioning.</p> <p>Education Endowment Foundation Research shows that children make most progress when taught reading comprehension strategies through modelling and supported practice.</p>	<p>their education. Quality texts are mapped out across the school to ensure that children are exposed to a variety of texts that provide ample opportunities for vocabulary development, engaging content and age-appropriate challenge.</p> <p>From Year 2, children are taught reading skills through discrete lessons which take place at least four times a week. Developing comprehension skills, alongside fluency, is the main focus of these lessons so that children gain a deep understanding of the text. Teachers recognise the importance of building fluency, vocabulary knowledge and background knowledge to enable children to gain expertise and confidence to develop as a skilled reader. Reading skills are mapped out to ensure that learning is coherent and progressive.</p> <p>Summative assessment is made of children’s reading ability using teacher knowledge from lessons, children’s reading workbooks, moderation (both internally and externally), Accelerated Reader quizzes and NTS reading tests. This is recorded on Sonar and monitored by teachers and the leadership team. Children who are not reading at age-related expectations or who have not made at least expected progress, are quickly identified and interventions are put in place to support these children.</p> <p>Reading for pleasure is an important part of our school culture. Reception have class library books that children take home to enjoy and share with an adult which are changed every week. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 are timetabled to visit our school library (at least) fortnightly, giving them the opportunity to select a book that inspires them to take home and read for pleasure. When they have finished reading a book, they have the opportunity to quiz on it using Accelerated Reader to check their understanding. Additional to curriculum time, our school librarian opens the library at lunchtime so that children have a quiet place to read or exchange their book for a new one. Ten pupils from KS2 take on the role of librarian to support with the opening of the library at lunchtimes.</p>	<p>Children are exposed to ambitious vocabulary</p> <p>Children continually build on their reading skills</p> <p>Children achieve age-related expectations</p> <p>Children make good progress in reading</p>
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	<p>Telling the story: the English education subject report (March 2024)</p> <p>An evaluation into the common strengths and weaknesses of English seen in schools across the country.</p> <p>Recommendations to further improve the English curriculum.</p>	<p>In order to continually promote our reading culture at Barnfields, each class has a 'Reading Champion' who works with the English Leader to build on the range of books available in the classroom, read, review and recommend books to their peers and be positive reading role models.</p> <p>In addition to reading lessons, teachers are role models for their class by reading aloud to the children for fifteen minutes every day; sharing their enthusiasm and creating excitement around the special joy of reading a good book.</p>	
<p><i>Developing a culture of reading at Barnfields Primary School is fundamental to the progression of the children not only in reading but across all other subjects. Reading is recognised as the key to extending vocabulary, improving communication and building knowledge so that children can delve deeper into the curriculum.</i></p>		<p>Pupils read a range of books across the curriculum, engaging in wider research, both online and through fiction and non-fiction texts. Where appropriate, books are selected to link with the current unit of work to support their developing knowledge, for example The Stolen Spear by Saviour Pirotta, when learning about the Stone Age in History.</p>	<p>Children read a range of material to support their learning</p> <p>All children have access to high-quality reading books</p>

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