



Reading at Wren's Nest Primary School

"It is not enough to simply teach children to read; we have to give them something worth reading. Something that will stretch their imaginations - - something that will help them make sense of their own lives and encourage them to reach out toward people whose lives are quite different from their own."

—Katherine Patterson (renowned author)

At Wren's Nest we have long held those values. We want our children to be fluent, accurate readers across a wide range of genres. The extensive vocabulary gained by reading will allow our children to learn more, remember more and therefore know more. This in turn can break down barriers both socially and culturally, improving their life chances.

Above all, we want our children to develop a passion for reading, to read for pleasure and enjoy the world that reading opens up to them.



Big Ideas

Word Reading:

- ✓ Decoding
- ✓ Blending
- ✓ Accuracy
- ✓ Fluency
- ✓ Understanding

Comprehension:

- ✓ A knowledge of different genres
- ✓ A wide repertoire of vocabulary
- ✓ Use of language
- ✓ Retrieval and recording
- ✓ Inference and deduction
- ✓ Summarising



Content and Sequencing

Reading - EYFS to Year 6

- ✓ **Phonics** - At Wren's Nest we use a synthetic Phonics Programme (Ruth Miskin). Please read the Phonics at Wren's Nest Primary School for more details. Our phonics programme is supported by external consultant from Ruth Miskin and the local English Hub.
- ✓ **Literacy and Language** - The Literacy and Language Programme (Ruth Miskin) is designed to stimulate children's thinking and create enthusiastic, lifelong readers. Each unit of work contains a reading week where the children are gradually immersed into the text using Secret Story 1-3. The texts, which are rich in vocabulary, have been skilfully written and cover genres from all over the world (please also read Writing at Wren's Nest). The Literacy and Language Programme is supported by external consultants from Ruth Miskin.
- ✓ **Cracking Comprehension** - This programme complements Literacy and Language by reinforcing the skills children need to gain a deeper understanding of a text. The programme is divided into units based on different genres and covers Reception to Year 6.
- ✓ **Book Bingo** - Each of the classrooms, through school, contain many books that the children can select to read for pleasure. The books on offer cover a range of genres. On completion of the book the children can mark it off their 'Bingo Card' and receive rewards after a full card, achieving a Reading Champion badge after three full cards.
- ✓ **Book Hubs** - Across school there are a selection of quiet areas where children can choose to sit and read a book for pleasure. These hubs are organised into genre themes, such as the Comic Hub or the Classic Corridor.
- ✓ **Story Time** - Story time is an integral part of the day and is timetabled across school. Children can listen to their teachers reading with intonation, reciting poetry and learning rhymes.
- ✓ **Book Talk Baskets** - We use Book Talk baskets sorted by genre in each classroom to encourage meaningful discussions about books, fostering a love of reading and helping students engage more deeply with a variety of texts.



Cross curricular links

- ✓ Direct links with:
 - All Curriculum Subjects



Retrieval

- ✓ Quizzes
- ✓ Tasks and activities
- ✓ Big Questions
- ✓ Discussions and debates



Progress

- ✓ OTrack - formative and summative assessment system
- ✓ In school standardisation and external moderation
- ✓ Book Banding



Support

- ✓ Inclusion for all children
- ✓ Children in provision sets to access strength lessons in year groups
- ✓ Resources drawn from individual texts, for example 'Power Words'

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Story Time ✓ Book and author reviews ✓ Links to authors and/or genres ✓ Child's Voice ✓ Homework ✓ Hinge questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Book Bingo ✓ The children's workbooks ✓ Assessment for learning ✓ Content mapping of the skills and knowledge of the curriculum ✓ Wren's Nest Writing Pathway ✓ Working Walls ✓ Reader of the week celebrations ✓ High quality resource ✓ Pre-topic Mindmaps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Adaption of the curriculum to meet the needs of the children ✓ Table resources such as word mats ✓ Groups across school ✓ Adult support in the classrooms ✓ Working Walls ✓ English Hub and work with North Dudley Schools ✓ Ruth Miskin ✓ Regular CPD, including a dedicated 'Reading Leader' within school ✓ English Lead within school
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