

Stoke By Nayland C of E Primary – Overview of the teaching and learning of English - Reading

Intent: Our English curriculum is designed to teach children how to read fluently, both for enjoyment and information, enabling them to access all future learning in their education and to develop essential life skills. We also intend to nurture a love of reading and the many different ideas and new worlds it brings to the reader.

Implementation:

- Sharing books of all kinds is a major part of every day; adults and peers in school model reading and a love of reading; classroom door posters illustrate the teacher's personal reading; teachers in all years have a class book, which is read aloud to the class.
- Adults at home play an essential role in supporting children, by both listening to them and sharing all forms of reading with them daily. We believe that reading is the most important aspect of 'homework'.
- Phonics are taught explicitly but other reading approaches are taught alongside.
- Children's reading progress is supported and stimulated through a variety of reading schemes, that are colour banded to meet the needs of individuals.
- Once at an appropriate reading ability, children are given access to an online reading programme called Read Theory where they read short passages and answer questions targeted at developing their comprehension skills.
- Typically, every class allows a period for independent reading every day.
- Reading skills are taught explicitly, both in one to one reading sessions and whole class lessons (often identified as 'guided reading or whole class reading').
- Children are taught how to use both the school and local town libraries.
- Children are encouraged to share their thoughts on books they have read.
- Classes have individual book corners to encourage reading for enjoyment and offer class challenges such as the Sapphire Reading Challenge
- A book sale is held every year, which helps to fund new books in the library. A termly catalogue is sent home to encourage further reading at home.
- A 'Star Reader' is selected and celebrated from each class every half term – the criteria for this selection is varied throughout the year.
- 'World Book Day' is celebrated every year.

Impact: By the end of their time at Stoke By Nayland Cof E Primary School, children will be confident, enthusiastic readers. They will have been exposed to a wide range of texts, including classic literature, and identified personal favourites. Their reading skills will enable them to independently access learning at high school.