



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 using the Dfe validated Little Wandle Scheme.
- Children's reading progress is supported through the use Collins Big Cat that is aligned with the teaching of phonics through the Little Wandle scheme until children are fluent readers when they are able to move on to colour banded books and then free readers.
- 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, in one to one reading sessions, group sessions and whole class lessons.
- Children are taught how to use the school library and the Dewey system for Non-fiction books and encouraged to visit and join their local library.
- 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 '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.
- Recording of children's reading is through an electronic system to ensure a comprehensive over view of their reading journey whilst at Stoke By Nayland CofE Primary School.

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.