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Reading at Green Lane CE Primary School

All children from Foundation Stage to Year 6 will be heard read at least once a week, by the class teacher, Teaching Assistant or other adult, in addition to or as part of an English lesson. Children also partake in guided reading sessions with the class teacher. In Key Stage 1 children will access at least one story session on each day and in Key Stage 2 will also have the opportunity to listen to a class novel read by the class teacher over the school year. This is to encourage reading and listening for enjoyment throughout their school life.

Our reading programme is made up of a range of different reading schemes, including Ginn, Oxford Reading Tree and others.

In Foundation Stage all children will begin their reading journey with books without words – Stage 1. These enable the children to develop their book awareness of reading from front to back, left page then right page and provide the children with confidence to create stories relating to the pictures. These books also allow children to develop their vocabulary and storytelling skills.

Within phonics lessons in Foundation Stage children learn phonemes and when they recognise 12 phonemes they are given a book from Stage 2 of our reading scheme which provides them with the opportunity to develop their ability to segment and blend words.

Each stage of our reading scheme provides the child with a new challenge, but by reading a variety of books on each stage they are able to consolidate these skills and ensure they become confident, fluent readers before moving on to the next stage.

Alongside each stage of the reading scheme, up to Stage 8, children are given words to recognise on sight which are national expectation high frequency words and support their reading at that stage.

Each child will progress through our reading scheme at their own pace depending on their own reading ability and at the discretion of the class teacher. From Stage 8 onwards, as children progress through the reading scheme they will be able to choose their own books from within their stage. From Children will also be provided with the opportunity as they continue on their reading journey to have a free choice of the books they read - Stage 12+, but we do encourage them to continue to choose books which challenge them and continue to develop their reading skills.

Throughout all stages of a child's reading journey it is important that a child regularly reads to an adult at home ideally at least three times a week, sharing their love of reading with them and providing an opportunity to develop a child's understanding of the story and comprehension skills.

In addition to following the reading scheme it is important for children to be offered a range of other suitable reading materials whether this is books at home or from the library or magazines or appropriate material on the internet.