



Our Reading Statement



Our Journey

Bank End has strived to ensure that all pupils enjoy and achieve in reading and phonics to equip these children with the most powerful gift for their future: the ability to read fluently and comprehend what they have read. In order to do this we have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children gain high-quality, purposeful experiences of reading that they enjoy and achieve in.

Guided Reading

All pupils engage in Guided reading activities on a daily basis. Guided Reading is an instructional approach that usually involves a teacher working with a group of children that are reading at a similar level. These sessions promote discussion of texts and allow children to become text detectives. Not only does it allow children to practise the skill of reading it provides a natural scaffold for high-order questioning and inference and deduction. Furthermore, the children are exposed to rich and varied vocabulary that they can hear being used in context.

As the children develop their skills in reading through this healthy diet of high-quality texts and modelled teaching, the children are able to transfer these skills through reciprocal reading. This is where the children take ownership of their Guided Reading session and become a leader of discussion, and high-order questioning.

Think 2 Read

To further embed the acquisition of fluent reading and comprehension classes engage in Think2Read sessions on a weekly basis. Think2Read is a programme that systematically teaches children the comprehension skills that they require in a reciprocal way from the Early years all the way up to Year 6. It allows children learn progressive skills that show them how to question, find meaning for themselves and become enthusiastic readers with a passion for group enquiry.

Bank End has recently involved parents in series of workshops that has supported parents with sharing books with their children at home. The parents involved all agreed that this approach helped them feel more confident when sharing books with their own children.

Preparing Children for Their Future

Children are surrounded by high-quality reading books at Bank End. We provide a broad range of non-fiction and fiction reading books that cover an array of genres and text types such as: poetry, comic books, plays, traditional tales, stories and classic novels. Books are used not only in reading sessions but as hooks into learning, sources of research and for reading for pleasure.

The World is now driven through technology and we are all coming into contact with new technology each day. To ensure that the children are prepared for our ever changing World we have a range of devices in school that the children are using on a daily basis. Each class has 6 iPads that the children use themselves to research, to read E-books, to communicate and to record. Each class also has a mini PC suite that offers the same advantages. This technology further embeds reading skills and promotes an urgency to read fluently and read for meaning.