



Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection

Reading at Banks Lane Junior School 2022-2023



Phonics

At Banks Lane Junior School, we are all teachers of phonics. We encourage pupils from years 3 to 6 to use their knowledge of sounds to decode and spell (encode) new, tricky vocabulary. We use the Read Write Inc phonics programme for pupils in year 3 and beyond who need additional support to read confidently. We have a range of phonetically decodable yet age-appropriate books to support children to make rapid progress in reading.



Whole Class

We use a whole class reading approach of a 40-minute lesson every morning. We read aloud together; our teacher models reading with fluency and expression; and new vocabulary is explicitly taught to us using various strategies. We revisit and review language regularly, linking our learning across the curriculum and we use the reading gems to support our comprehension skills.



Reading for pleasure

We encourage everyone to read regularly for pleasure. We have weekly visits to our school library and we have a regular story time of a variety of challenging texts. Our class book areas are well-stocked with a variety of exciting texts and we have author corners where we learn about a variety of diverse writers. We have regular reading events in school for example World Book Day and National Poetry Day where we celebrate a love of reading.



Assessment

We assess our year 3 pupils to ensure any pupils who are not yet at the expected standard can be supported using Read Write Inc phonics. Pupils working below the expected standard (3-6) are assessed throughout each year using our YARC assessments; these allow us to recognise which areas of reading pupils need support with. This could be decoding, fluency or comprehension. We use NTS assessments in reading as well as practice SATs papers for our year 6 pupils ensuring we focus on comprehension skills.



Community Links

We have weekly reading mornings where we invite our community to share our pupils' experiences of reading in the classroom. We take part in the Stockport Book Awards where pupils are encouraged to read a variety of new fiction books, as well as enter competitions with other schools across the local authority. We invite authors and poets into school to lead assemblies and workshops that inspire a love of reading.

Banks Lane Junior School's Reading Offer

