

Reading at Swansfield Park Primary School

At Swansfield Park Primary School we value reading as an essential part of the whole curriculum. We aim for all children to be able to read with confidence and understanding whilst enjoying the wide range of books that we provide for them. We encourage children to discuss the books they have read with each other and with adults both at school and at home.

Phonics

We approach reading through a systematic, synthetic phonics scheme in the Early Years and Key Stage 1. Phonics is taught informally in Nursery using the 'Letters and Sounds' programme. It is taught more formally in Reception and Year 1 during 20- 40 minute sessions each day. These sessions encourage children to participate and successfully develop their speaking and listening skills through partner work. The phonics work helps children to read and spell words and combine words into sentences. Writing develops through the use of recently learnt phonics skills. The involvement of parents is essential to the success of the programme as sounds are practised regularly at home. We have a dedicated team who are experienced in the teaching of early phonics. Weekly staff meetings ensure that children's progress is monitored and children are supported accordingly. The 'Read/Write Inc' programme is a highly effective and successful resource for the teaching of early reading skills.

Guided Reading

Reading is taught using a variety of schemes. Children are introduced to print in different forms from the time they enter our Nursery. They begin home reading in Reception when they are considered to be ready. Our main schemes, supplemented with a wide range of further reading material, are as follows: OUP Oxford Reading Tree OUP Treetops OUP Non-fiction Oxford Literacy Web Ginn Lighthouse. Experienced staff lead the group reading sessions. Children share ideas during a guided reading session. As the children progress with their reading they are grouped into sets of six, according to their ability. Each member of the group is given the same book as a home reader. During the guided reading session, children discuss various aspects of books, ask questions and refer to appropriate parts of the text they are reading. At home they will be asked to read sections of their book and may be given a task based on the text to complete. The school involves parents in the reading process as soon as children enter the Nursery and recognise the invaluable contribution made by parents to the success of their child's reading skills. Our School Library School readers are supplemented by books available to borrow from the school library. Children are encouraged to read independently using books from the school library. Children are able to choose books during class sessions and can also choose books at lunchtime when the library is open. Our Year 4 children run the school library under the supervision of our librarian, Mrs Crowe. We hope that our children will become immersed in a world of books and read for enjoyment.

Reading Events At Swansfield Park Primary School

We regularly hold reading events for all children to enjoy. Each year we become involved in the Northern Children's Book Festival. During this festival an author will visit the school to read and carry out workshops with the children. We also have a range of activities organised each year for World Book Day. Children love to dress up as their favourite book character and take part in lots of fun

book activities. During the summer holidays our children are encouraged to become involved in the Summer Reading Challenge run by local libraries where they receive certificates for the books that they have read. At Swansfield Park Primary School we believe that **READING IS FUN!**