Brookhurst Primary School

Reading Curriculum Document

Aims of subject:

We would like the children to demonstrate:

- Excellent knowledge and skills in phonics.
- Age-appropriate fluency with the tools to tackle unfamiliar vocabulary across the curriculum.
- Knowledge of an extensive and rich vocabulary.
- An excellent comprehension of texts in a range of genres.
- The motivation to read for pleasure as well as study.
- Extensive knowledge through having read a rich and varied range of texts.



Phonics

At Brookhurst, we believe that all our children can become fluent readers and writers. This is why we teach reading through *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised*, which is a systematic and synthetic phonics programme. We start teaching phonics in Reception and follow the *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* progression, which ensures children build on their growing knowledge of the alphabetic code, mastering phonics to read and spell as they move through school. We teach phonics for up to 30 minutes a day and use Friday as a consolidation lesson. Each reading practice session focus on three key reading skills:

- decoding
- o prosody: teaching children to read with understanding and expression
- o comprehension: teaching children to understand the text.

Lesson structure

Revisit & review	Teach and practise					Practise and apply		Reading decodable books
Previously taught GPCs	New phoneme	New GPC	Oral blending	Teacher-led blending and independent reading	Tricky words	Read the phrase/ sentence	Spelling	

Full progression programme - https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Programme-Overview Reception-and-Year-1-1.pdf

Targeted support

To ensure every child secures their learning, we use daily 'keep-up sessions' which follow the same lesson structure and revisit the learning intention. Alongside daily assessment for learning, the children are assessed every 6 weeks to track their progress.

Children sit the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1. Any who do not pass will continue to have Little Wandle Letters and Sounds provision and will resit the Phonics Screening Check in Year 2. Children in Year 2 – 6 who are not secure in phonics will continue to be formatively assessed by their class teacher and will receive additional phonics 'Keep-up' sessions by a trained adult.

Guided Reading EYFS/KS1

Children will be grouped into guided reading groups from teacher formative assessments and through the half-termly Letters and Sounds assessments.

	Guided Reading						
Reception and Year 1							
Teacher Focus	Guided group with teacher						
	Matched decodable book						
	3 lessons that focus on: decoding, prosody and comprehension						
Reading Continuous	Decoding activities:						
provision during	Share the grapheme cards that will be in the book						
group reading	Practise the tricky words						
	Matching pictures to unfamiliar vocabulary						
	Read the word cards for at least four words from the book						
	Tapping into the children to hear them read						
	Prosody activities:						
	Read the grapheme cards						
	Read the tricky words						
	Check that children remember the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary						
	Read the word cards from the book encouraging them to read without overt blending						
	Model reading preselected pages with prosody						
	Discuss characters' feelings, words meaning and punctuation						
	Individual reading of pages with prosody						
	 Quick practise of spelling sounds and some words from the book 						
	Comprehension activities (based on the KS1 content domains):						
	Read the grapheme cards						
	Speed read any multisyllabic words						
	Check for misconceptions and model correct pronunciation						
	Explain the comprehension skill from the chosen domain						
	Ask the question						
	Ask the children to read aloud to find the answer						
	Ask the children to show how they know the answer						
Other reading	Daily reading as part of phonics						
provision	Daily reading in Literacy and cross-curricular lessons						
	1:1 for selected children						
	 Targeted support groups (including keep up sessions) 						
	Home reading (reading records)						
	Reading displays including tricky words and sounds covered to refer to						

From Summer term, Year 1 will begin to move to whole-class reading using Cracking Comprehension resources to support.

Whole-Class Reading

Year 2 - 6

- Whole-class reading is used to teach reading from Year 2 6 to all children and activities are differentiated to suit the needs of the learners.
- Teachers will use formative assessments during these lessons to assess children's progress against the content domains.
- Whole-class reading is taught a minimum of three times a week and in some cases daily.
- Resources such as Cracking Comprehension may be used to support these lessons or teacher's may
 use their own selected texts that suit their curriculum topic. Text selections are made from
 recommendations or sources such as, The Local Authority, PiXL, The Literacy Shed, The Book Trust,
 Warwickshire Library Service, CLPE (Centre for Literacy in Primary Education) and the Leamington
 North cluster.

• Time taken on exploring a text will depend on the length of the chosen text and opportunities for learning.

Recommended lesson structure that may be adapted.

Week 1	Week 2
Model reading	Content domain focused activities
Fluency/ prosody practise	
Highlight any unfamiliar vocabulary	
Vocabulary activities	
Spelling activities	
Orally answer questions linking to the content	
domains	

Home Reading and Reading for Pleasure

EYFS/KS1

- Children take home 2 books: one being a decodable reading book matched to the child's phonological attainment and the other is a book they would like to read for pleasure with their parent or carer.
- An 'Introduction to phonics' meeting takes place in Reception to support parent and carers at home with reading.
- During 'Welcome meetings' parents and carers are advised to read with their child daily, first focusing on fluency and then asking comprehension questions. There is also a list of questions that they could ask on our My School App.
- Each child in Reception and Year 1 receives a reading record which parents, carers and teachers can use to communicate and monitor reading progress.
- Children not reading regularly at home are identified quickly and are made 'priority readers' for 1:1 reading in school.

KS2

- When children have passed the Phonics Screening Check and completed Little Wandle Letters and Sounds, they will be able to choose books to read from the school library, book corner or home if they wish.
- Teachers will be reading with children during their 20 minutes independent reading time, checking their book choice is an appropriate choice and chatting about what they have read.
- Teachers may also occasionally recommend a different book if we feel that aren't enjoying what they're reading for any reason, but this will be after discussion with the child.
- Each child has a bookmark where they can write down books they've read and make any comments about a book. A parent/ carer can also write on these to communicate with the teacher about reader progress.
- Independent reading time is in addition to story time where they can relax and listen to texts for pleasure.

Support for Parents/ Carers

- An 'Introduction to phonics' meeting takes place in Reception to support parent and carers at home with reading.
- Parents are also directed to the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds website which has 'how to videos' to support parents/ carers with pronunciation, how we teach phonics and how to support reading at home.
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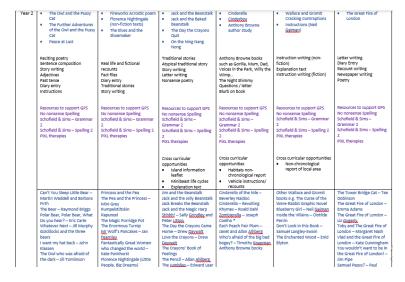
Vocabulary

- Curriculum topics are supported with vocabulary cards, word mats or recall cards and are displayed to support the children's writing.
- Unfamiliar vocabulary is explored and contextualised.
- Vocabulary is also encouraged to be practised through the PiXL Vocabulary App.



Motivational texts

• Each unit of English is underpinned by core, motivational texts. These are outlined on the Literacy LTP and are updated annually.



Other suggested reads are also mapped out and provide opportunities for reading for pleasure.

Summative assessments

- Summative phonics assessments take place every half-term or 6 weeks.
- Summative PiXL diagnostic assessments take place throughout the year (please see PiXL calendar).
- Year 2 SATs
- Year 6 SATs