

We are a reading school and understand the fundamental impact that inspiring a love of reading has on all our learning. We take pleasure and pride in our reading and love sharing a good book with each other, in



our whole class daily reading sessions, our English lessons and our guided reading work. Every child has access to our whole school reading scheme and most importantly is keenly encouraged to choose their own reading books; discuss their reading and respond to their reading in their own reading journals/reading records.

The spine of our reading scheme is made up of **Oxford Reading tree books**, where children meet the key characters of Biff, Chip, Wilf, Wilma and Floppy and build up their repertoire of high frequency words and sight words. Our reading books in Reception and Year 1 are fully decodable and help the children to use the systematic phonics sounds that they are learning every day in class. We also compliment our reading scheme with a wide range of reading resources from **Pearson's Bug club** and all our children have access to online e-books from Bug club. There are a range of high quality and challenging books added to the scheme to introduce the children to a wide range of classic children's authors/poets and playwrights. Every class has key authors as part of their reading spine that runs throughout the school's English units- these

include Anthony Browne, Julia Donaldson, Anne Fine, CS Lewis and Roald Dahl.

Our reading scheme is organized into the following colour bands (see attached sheet) to help ensure that they children are supported, assessed and challenged to read with a varied reading 'diet.' There are three additional challenge levels for reading in Year 2, 4 and 6 to encourage wider reading - Bronze, Silver and Gold.

Children also have a weekly library slot, where they are encouraged to borrow a book to read for pleasure or to help with their learning in a particular curriculum area.

All children from Year 1 onwards use a reading journal and choice board to help them to respond to their reading in creative and independent ways. In addition to our reading in class with our teachers, we have a wonderful team of volunteer readers who spend time every week listening to the children read and encouraging them to read for pleasure.

If you would like any more information about our reading scheme or would like to take part in our reading ambassador scheme please contact Mrs Gow.