

Reading in School

We use lots of different names for different types of reading within school - here is a jargon buster to help you understand what your child tells you about reading in school.

Guided Reading - Your child will read or complete reading activities on a daily basis. The class teacher will place your child in a group with children working at the same level as them and focus on the next steps in the group's learning. For at least one of these sessions per week the group will work with the class teacher. During the other sessions your child will be given the chance to work on these objectives independently. In Key Stage 2 the emphasis is on comprehension. If you would like to know more about what your child is learning please speak to their class teacher.

Shared Reading - This involves sharing the reading between the class teacher and the pupils. The texts chosen are slightly above the level at which the child can read alone, which is where the sharing comes in. By reading together in this way, teachers can model reading with expression and children can work together on their comprehension and their de-coding. Parts of the text are often re-visited to get the most of the writing.

Paired Reading - In some classes, children share a book with their reading partner at a specific time in the day. The emphasis here is on reading for pleasure.

Reading Buddies - Younger children are paired up with older children, at least once a week, to read their home reading book.

Home Reading - This is the reading that your child does outside of school. Your child will bring home a book which is a reading level below their guided reading book (unless it is a book they have been reading in Reading Recovery). They can read this book or any other book/article/website at the correct level for them. For more details about home reading, please look at your child's reading journal.

Book Fair - The book fair arrives at school at least twice within the academic year and is, in effect, a travelling book shop. Pupils have an opportunity during the school day to look at the books on offer with the rest of their class before the book fair begins. They also bring home a catalogue which shows the books that will be available at the book fair. News of forthcoming book fairs will be in your green newsletter.

Library - Children have the opportunity to take out a book from the school library every week during their library time. Children can keep a book for more than one week but will need to return it before taking out another book. For more information about our school library, please see the [School Library](#) page.

Children can also borrow DVD's from our digital library.