



Reading Lessons

At St Peter's CE Primary school reading skills are taught across Key Stage 1 and 2 in daily whole class reading lessons. These lessons are built around the teacher reading high-quality and challenging texts, which are dissected by the class through high-level questioning and discussion. Pupils are able to develop vocabulary, speaking and listening skills, as well as developing comprehension and language skills. The primary purpose of the lessons is modelling skills, with assessment secondary.

- The teacher selects a high-quality text that will challenge all pupils.
- The learning objective for the lesson is the same for all pupils. Pupils will access the same activities and questioning, with differing levels of support provided depending on pupil need.
- The teacher reads the text to the class, modelling fluency, intonation and comprehension, and pupils follow the text with their own copy. They may be asked repeat parts of the text as individuals or as a group.
- The teacher uses skilful questioning and discussion to help pupils understand new vocabulary and develop their understanding of the text.
- Pupils work on activities that help them to develop their comprehension of the text. Depending on the activity, pupils may work in mixed-ability groups, pairs or by themselves. Activities do not always have a written outcome, for example drama may be used to help children explore characters through role play, debates or freeze frames.
- The teacher makes assessments at the end of the lesson to inform future planning.