



Early Reading

At St. Peter's CE Primary School we have designed our early reading curriculum with the intent that all children, regardless of background, will become fluent, insightful readers. We have developed a curriculum that will instil in all children a love of reading that we hope will stay with them for life. We understand that children who are confident accomplished readers will be empowered to succeed in all other areas.

We start our reading journey from day one in Reception. Through fostering a love of reading, providing books in all areas of the environment and introducing phonics, our children are submerged in a text and vocabulary rich environment. Stories, poems and non-fiction texts are shared and discussed many times throughout each day, to instil a real love of reading early on. Children will learn to repeat sentences, phrases and eventually whole stories that they have read.



Early readers are taught to decode, by blending phonemes together to sound out words. We use a systematic and structured phonic programme – Monster Phonics. The pupils continue to build on their phonic skills throughout EYFS and KS1, learning the 44 different phonemes and spellings of a variety of 'tricky' words and corresponding graphemes. These are then used to read and write words including Common Exception Words. Our phonics lessons are fun, interactive and linked to a range of books and spellings. Children will read from books with the sounds they know, and whilst they are learning to read they will be given opportunities to practise throughout the day.