



Our Approach to teaching.....

Reading

At Meadow View Primary School we learn to read and then we read to learn.

We use a range of books to support the teaching of reading rather than a specific scheme, these include Big Cat Collins, Pearson Bug Club, Project X and Dandelion Readers, most of these books are phonically decodable to support the learning of phonics through school.

In EYFS children read to an adult at least once a week and have a guided reading session each week, they are taught the principles of reading through daily phonic sessions. In KS1 and KS2 guided reading sessions happen daily, where possible 2 guided reads happen a day. One lead by the teacher and the other by a teaching assistant. Children will also read to an adult individually according to the children's needs and time available within the class. Phonics is continued to be taught through KS1 in order to teach the new phonemes to support children develop in their reading.

Throughout whole school, reading skills are also taught and referred to in literacy sessions in order for children to embed and apply their skills. All classrooms have a reading area, where children can access a wide range of texts which can be discussed and shared with friends.

Learning is regularly tracked using our schools tracking system and assessed by highlighting children's assessments. Year 2 and 6 will continue to assess against the Reading Assessment Focuses (AF), while Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 will use the STAT system. These assessment statements will also be used to plan the guided reading sessions.

Reading will be monitored by the reading leader and SLT through lesson observations, learning walks, work scrutinises and pupil interviews on a regular basis.

Pupils are encouraged to read frequently at home as well as bring their book bag to school each day. Each week, every class in school visits our school library and chooses a book of their choice to take home and share with

somebody. Reading challenges are often set for the children to join in with to create a love of reading as well as encouraging them to read often as well as a wide range of books.