



Reading



Reading for Pleasure

At Mill Hill we promote reading for pleasure as we recognise it plays a vital step in children becoming confident readers and writers. We aim to provide to lots of opportunities for our pupils to develop a love of books.

Every class in school has a reading area with a wide selection of age appropriate books. Pupils visit our well resourced library regularly to listen to stories, carry out research, read and borrow books. In the playground pupils can choose to sit in our book area to read, share and enjoy books together.



Every year we reward achievements in reading in a 'Wonderful Readers Assembly' where selected pupils in every year group are rewarded with a book of their choice. We also celebrate World Book Day and take part in various games and activities. We enjoy visits from authors and theatre groups and hold regular book fairs in school.



Reception and KS1

In school we use a number of different schemes to give children variety and breadth in their reading experiences but our main schemes are Oxford Reading Tree and Ginn. Children bring home a reading book suitable to their reading ability from our staged reading schemes. We use home/ school reading record books so that parents and teachers can share information about children's progress in reading.

Phonics

Children in reception and Key Stage One follow the 'Letters and Sounds' programme.

Useful Websites

- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/reading>
- <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
- <http://www.storylineonline.net/>
- <http://www.busythings.co.uk/home.php> (log in details available from school)
- <http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>
- <http://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/>



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Key Stage 2

In Key Stage 2 we aim to build on the excellent start to reading that our children have received in Key Stage One by giving them many opportunities and experience aimed at developing their skills as competent free readers as they progress through years Y3-Y6. We have organised our home reading into three bands (comprised of a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction): Free Choice 1, Free Choice 2 and Three Choice 3 from which your child will regularly choose a book. We urge you to listen to your child read at home and to record your response in their reading record books. Within the class your child will also participate in regular group reading with an adult.

Useful Websites

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/reading/

www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/reading

www.everyschool.co.uk › English › Key Stage 2 › Comprehension