

Reading Intent

At Guildford Grove, our curriculum develops language, ensures learning sticks and places reading at its heart. It is our intent that all children are able to read fluently with good comprehension and developed vocabulary by the end of Key Stage 2 so that they are truly ready for their learning in secondary school and beyond.

We foster a love of reading through exposing pupils to a wide variety of diverse texts that are 'windows and mirrors' to their own lives. It is our intent to develop a wide reading community that includes pupils, staff, parents and volunteers.



'Excellence beyond phonics'



At Guildford Grove, we follow the 'Master Readers' approach to teaching reading from Year 2-Year 6 as aims to successfully help pupils transition out of a phonics programme into the world of books.

Through the Master Readers approach teachers:

- Plan a whole book approach when teaching reading so that pupils learn to enjoy reading a variety of genres written by a variety of authors.
- Ensure regular opportunities for pupils to be read to and with.
- Master Readers provides pupils with opportunity to discuss and share ideas so that they speak themselves into understanding.
- Develop pupils' vocabulary so that they become masters at selecting words for impact.
- Help pupils acquire the skills needed to show their understanding when answering questions in discussion and when writing answers.

Text Choice

"All children (should) have access to a range of quality texts in order that they can become happy, enthusiastic readers and writers with all of the benefits this brings. This means that in their schools, their homes, their libraries and their bookshops, children need to meet characters that look like them – and those that don't look like them, characters that inhabit similar– and different – worlds; stories that both reflect their lives and show them the lives of others."

Centre for Literacy in Primary Education, Reflecting Realities, 2022

At Guildford Grove each year group has a carefully chosen book spine made of high quality, diverse texts. Books chosen reflect a variety of modern and classic titles often linking to the wider curriculum for that year group.

Reading for pleasure

As well as a daily 'storytime' across the school, we ensure that children at Guildford Grove, working in partnership with parents and carers, are provided with many opportunities to read for pleasure to encourage pupils to develop a lifelong love of reading.

All classrooms have vibrant, inviting and up- to- date book corners ensuring that children have both easy and regular access to a range of texts to enjoy both in school and at home.

Texts within the book corners reflect a variety of books that the children have requested, as well as those that link to topics and the book spines for each year group.



So far this year, we have held two very successful book fairs. It is wonderful to be able to bring brand new books to buy into school and earn the school some new books too!

Our brilliant book corners!



Wonderful World Book Day 2024!

