

Reading

Reading and Phonics

The importance of reading and phonics at St Bede's RC Primary School

Reading plays a vital role in the development and education of your child. At St Bede's we ensure that pupils have lots of opportunities to read in lots of different contexts.

Phonics

In Key Stage One we deliver a consistent approach to phonics using a programme called Letters and Sounds. Every pupil in Key Stage One works through the programme to help them decode (sound out) words that they read and spell. Reading is linked into understanding what they have read and also links into short writing activities. Using small group work on a daily basis allows staff to pin point any individual who may need additional support in this area and will plan intervention activities if needed. Teachers will always keep you informed if your child is having additional support.

Reading schemes

Pupils read through a set of book banded books, in school we use the Read, Write Inc programme and we also use the Oxford Reading Tree. Each colour in the book band is a different level. We provide a diet and range of books at different levels within a book band. The pupils know which book band they are working at and recognise the book band that they are working towards.

Opportunities for reading

Pupils also read regularly in other areas of the curriculum and in other parts of the school day through:

- Guided Reading - Teachers work with small groups of pupils to teach specific and targeted reading skills in a book that is sufficiently challenging.
- Reading Across the Curriculum - Pupils read a range of books linked to other areas of their learning.