



# Reading

## Intent

Our aim is to facilitate a lifelong love of reading by giving the children in our school the opportunity to learn to read in a fun, supportive and encouraging environment with access to interesting and age appropriate texts in a variety of genres.

We believe that reading is one of the most important life skills and at St Bernadette Catholic Primary School we are committed to helping our children to become lifelong readers. We aim to foster a love of reading from the children's very first days at school. We will work closely with parents and carers at home and will teach reading consistently throughout the school to enable the highest number of children possible to achieve the expected standard or higher.

## Implementation

Early provision focuses on developing phonic knowledge and ability to recognise, decode and build the block for reading development.

All classes follow a three day reading programme. The teachers choose high quality and engaging age appropriate texts. Over the three days, children have the opportunity to read individually and impairs, out loud and silently. They are encouraged to discuss the meaning of vocabulary and ask questions about things in the text they don't understand. Teachers model reading fluently and how to find meaning in the texts and model how to answer reading comprehension questions effectively. Children have access to a wide variety of reading books which they are encouraged to read every night with someone at home. They also have access to a well-stocked school library and reading corners in all classes.

## Impact

Children will become fluent and confident readers by the time they leave our school. They will be able to read and enjoy books and texts from a variety of genres and for different purposes. They will start secondary school with excellent reading comprehension skills which will enable them to unlock all areas of the curriculum in their future education journey.