

Lister Infants Reading Scheme

Reading is the building block for life and ensures limitless expectations. We aim to foster a love of reading and ensure our children are exposed to a range of high quality reading materials including, stories, poems, rhyme and non-fiction. As well as being taught discreetly through one to one reading, shared reading and guided reading, reading is also taught throughout the school day and across the curriculum. It is the vehicle that drives our curriculum and we place very high importance on it. We have many opportunities to develop the children's word reading and comprehension skills.

At Lister Infants we predominately use PM reading books to teach one to one reading as this allows children to build a range of reading skills working on visual, meaning and structure cues. We also have a range of other books from various reading schemes organised into book band levels to deepen learning in a range of different contexts such as; Rigby Star, Literacy Links, Oxford Reading Tree and Oxford Project X.

Through the use of book bands we aim to promote reading confidence through gradual progression, to provide children with the tools they need to become successful and fluent readers. It does this through the use of natural language structures and rhythms of speech. New words are gently introduced and are then subsequently reinforced. Books have a clear story structure where meaning is the key and a close match between the text and the illustrations.

Books bands are further sub divided according to Reading Recovery levels. We aim to ensure that the children progress through the levels but it is extremely important that they are able to read for meaning, understanding and have read a wide variety of books at each level. This includes reading non-fiction texts as well as fiction books. Teachers are skilled in choosing books to support the child's reading needs and both word reading and comprehension skills are developed through one to one reading.

We also use Running Records alongside the PM Benchmark Kits, which provide a comprehensive assessment tool for children to ensure consistent and accurate levelling in reading. This ensures children progressively move through the book bands at the appropriate level.

The school has also purchased Active Learn which is an excellent online resource to support reading at home. Teachers allocate books to the children at their appropriate reading level and families can access the books to allow more opportunities for reading.