



Intentions For Readers In The EYFS



“It is our intention that our children will leave us as fluent and confident readers. We strive for our pupils to develop a love of reading and for them to be able to use their skills to independently discover new facts about things they are interested in. During their time with us we wish to equip our children with all of the reading skills needed for them to become independent and motivated life-long learners.”

As the children begin their reading journey with us, it is our intention that by the end of Reception our pupils will be able to use their developing phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They should now be able to read some common irregular words. As they leave Reception we expect our pupils to be able to read and understand some simple sentences.

We understand the crucial importance of nurturing a positive attitude towards reading during their early years. During their time in early years our pupils will have been given the opportunity to listen to a wide range of stories. When doing this they will be encouraged to respond to what they have heard by making relevant comments and asking questions. By being given lots of opportunities to talk, they will begin to learn how to articulately demonstrate their understanding of what they have read or what has been read to them.

By the time that they leave Reception we expect our pupils to be able to answer ‘how’ and ‘why’ questions about their experiences when giving responses to stories or events. We also want to nurture in them an appreciation of poetry and for them to be able to express themselves effectively when talking about or performing poems - showing an awareness of listeners’ needs. The children will also have been introduced to non-fiction texts and have developed an understanding that information can be retrieved from books and computers.

It is our aim that the children leave Reception with a positive attitude towards reading and with the solid foundation of early reading skills that they will be able to develop as they continue their journey through All Saints.