



Overview of Reading at Saint Nathaniel's Academy

Reading Lessons

Read, Write, Inc is used to teach phonics to readers from Reception to the start of Y2. The Pathways to Read scheme is used to teach and develop reading skills from Reception to Y6. 5x lessons a week with a focus on comprehension each Friday from Y2-Y6 using CGP material for practice of skills. These comprehension tasks have a good variety of text types and a balance of contemporary and classic text extracts.

We focus on Vocabulary , prediction, retrieval, inference, structure and summary throughout the P2R programme. Fluency is also a key focus across the school, Y6 explicitly focus on this aspect of reading 1 day per week.

Reading Books

Each 1/2 term adults hear every child in their class read during the guided reading lesson.

Reading books are changed weekly with each child having a take home reading book, an in class reading book which are book banded at their level. Children also are encouraged to borrow 'Reading for Pleasure' books from their class library which they can share with adults at home.

Reading ambassadors in each class support changing the class selection of books each month.

Reading Progress

Throughout the school children have a yellow home reading record. We keep track of regular readers and target children who don't read regularly at home with extra support.

PIRA tests are used from KS1-KS2 to develop fluency in reading and practicing reading skills.

KS1 use a phonics reading tracker which then moves into KS2 using a book band reading tracker updated termly.

We use benchmarking kits to ratify book band levels if needed. This information ensures we are clearly identifying on track readers.

Promoting Reading for Pleasure

Each class has a well selected class read, chosen for vocabulary, diversity of author, dealing with specific themes.

1/2 termly regular readers are celebrated with a certificate and one child is randomly selected from each phase to win a book. We actively celebrate 'World Book Day' with an inclusive focus on one book across the school.

Parents are invited in to school for reading events such as 'Drop and Read', 'Mystery Readers' and for our scholastic book fair.

Our child-led newsletter 'St Nat's News for Kids' actively promotes reading with articles about class books.

