

Reading at School

At Frinton-on-Sea Primary School, we recognise that reading is a complex skill made up of many parts, and it is therefore important that, whilst at school, your child is provided with an opportunity to develop as a confident and competent reader.

How will my child be taught to read?

Reading is taught regularly, right through the school. It starts right at the start of school in our Early Years class and is promoted throughout your child's education with us.

In Early Years everyone reads in class. This is a time where pupils are given an opportunity to familiarise themselves with books. Pupils learn how to hold a book the right way, how to turn pages, how to explore pictures, and are exposed to hearing stories - all vitally important skills to begin the reading journey.

Following this, pupils move on to the highly successful 'Phonics' program. Children learn how to 'read' the sounds (phonics) in words and how those sounds can be written down. This is essential for reading, but also helps children learn to spell well.

Once children grasp these sounds and can blend them together to form words, they practice reading books that match the phonics and words they know. They start to believe they can read and this does wonders for their confidence.

Teachers regularly read to the children too, so the children get to know and love all sorts of stories, poetry and information books. This helps to extend children's vocabulary and comprehension, as well as support their writing.

Some older children will continue to access letters and sounds, if they need further consolidation and development of their reading skills. We check children's reading skills regularly so that we can place them with the correct book. For the children that do not learn with phonics we use strategies like, sight words, patterns and repetition.

In Key Stage 2, the children undertake reading activities as part of a 'Reading Hour'. All pupils have access to a wide selection of reading materials to choose from and literacy sessions, promoting the reading behaviours skills, which are vital to be a competent reader.

They learn skills of:

- Literal Thinking
- Prior Knowledge
- Inference
- Prediction
- Summarising
- Generalise
- Paraphrase