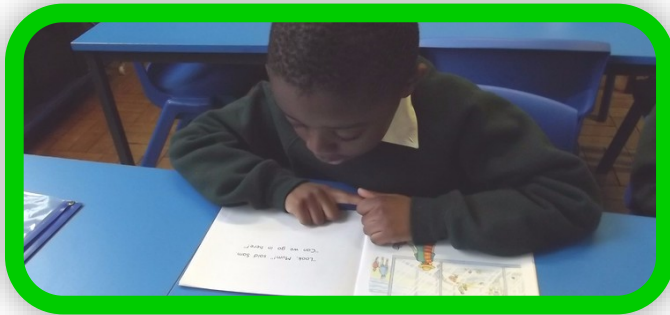


Reading and Learning strategies promoted at Bush Hill Park

- Using their phonic knowledge to blend sounds. Reading the whole sentence and seeing if they 'work out' what the word is
- Breaking the word up into smaller chunks
- Looking at the picture for clues
- Using their finger to 'slow check' a word so that they read to the very end.
- Going back and reading a word or sentence again if it doesn't seem to make sense.



Groupings

All children are assessed at the start of the academic year in September. They are then grouped according to their reading ability, this may mean they are with children from another class or year group.

Read Write Inc and DSR assess children every few weeks to ensure they are making expected progress and to change groups if necessary.

Children are grouped across year groups to make the most effective use of teaching staff.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much time should I spend reading with my child?

Ideally children should read for 10 minutes every day. If this is not possible then 3 times a week will help develop their reading skills.

What happens if my child appears to be falling behind?

Sometimes children need extra support to make progress. DSR and Read Write Inc. are designed to assess children every few weeks and place them in a group that is appropriate to their reading stage. Children who are causing concern will receive additional support as and when they need it.

What if my child's attendance is poor?

DSR and Read Write Inc. are daily lessons. Children only benefit fully from these programmes by being in school on time every day.

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Early Reading and Daily Supported Reading (DSR)



What is DSR? (Daily Supported Reading)

DSR is a reading programme that we use as part of our support for children's reading development.

Children are placed in reading groups that are suited to their reading stage and are read with every day. Children are shown a wide range of reading strategies and are encouraged to use these independently. Adults support each child every day. The children are assessed and re-grouped approximately every 2 weeks.

Other schemes used to promote early success in reading:

- Read Write Inc is a proven programme for teaching phonics to enable children to read and write fluently.
- Home reading books are provided every week for parents to share with their children. Record books allow parents and teachers to make comments and communicate any concerns.
- We provide high quality engaging texts in our class libraries and read core-texts during our termly book weeks.

Reading at Home

Your child will receive a Reading Record at the start of the academic year, in September. Each week they will receive a reading book. Your child's class teacher will match the reading book to their DSR/Read Write Inc. level so it provides an appropriate level of challenge.

It is important that children read regularly with an adult as this promotes good lifelong reading skills.

Reading strategies parents can use with their child:

- Read with your child regularly for around 10 minutes. Try and provide a quiet area with your child seated beside you.
- Allow children time to use a range of strategies; avoid giving them the word.
- Say "Use your letter sounds" and use the sounds provided in the home reading records to remind them of any they have forgotten.
- Say "Let's read the whole sentence to see if you can work it out".
- Say "Is there a clue in the picture?"
- If they read a word and it is incorrect say at the end "Does that make sense? Let's try again".
- **Use plenty of praise** and say why you are praising them! "Well done you used....." "Great work you read that really well".

Shared Reading with your child

Children love being read to and are allowed to take books from their class library to read at home. These are designed to be shared with an adult (they won't necessarily be able to read them). Hearing a story is an important part of reading development as it encourages children to read for pleasure and listen to a book being read fluently.

Promoting writing through reading

DSR books are also accompanied by post-book work. Children are usually asked to reassemble a cut up sentence and write some key words.



Read Write Inc is a complete English scheme and it is designed so that children work collaboratively to read and write.

Writing development follows reading so by ensuring children at Bush Hill Park make rapid progress in reading we can support their progress in writing.

DSR and Read Write Inc promote the correct use of English grammar, spelling and punctuation.