



GREAT ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL READING NEWSLETTER

26th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Great Orton Primary School, we believe teaching a child to read, is the most important life long skill that we can give our children. Worldwide studies have shown that children who read, go on to achieve higher academic grades in Primary and Secondary school and work in jobs with higher paid salaries.

In the immortal words of Dr Seuss



After successive National Lockdowns due to COVID-19, National studies have shown that levels of Reading and Reading comprehension in our children have been significantly impacted.

Improving our children's progress in reading decoding (reading words through phonics and high frequency word lessons) and comprehension (understanding what is said or inferred) continues to be a Whole school priority at Great Orton Primary School and a focus outlined on our school development plan.

Since September 2020, Great Orton Primary school has partnered with the Orgill Literacy Hub to introduce the Read Write Inc Approach to teaching Early reading and Phonics. This has helped the school to purchase a phonic based reading scheme for guided reading lessons in school (£6000) and practice books to take home and has provided high quality training for all teaching staff at school.



The introduction of the DfE validated Read Write Inc approach to Early Reading has positively impacted on our children's phonic and reading progress, with 71% of pupils passing the Phonics screening check in December 2022, in KS1.

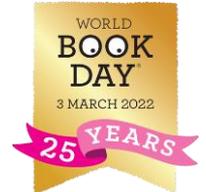


Across the school, children are being taught explicit comprehension skills using 'Cracking Comprehension' lessons. This is being further developed through the use of a 'Reciprocal Reading' approach to discussion about text to aid understanding. This is helping our children to develop and understand new vocabulary and make inferences.

The school has continued to increase the use of Quality 'English' Texts to motivate and challenge pupils in Literacy Lessons and has upgraded the Great Orton Library stock, to help children find stories and authors they like.



This year, we are encouraging our children to develop a 'reading for pleasure' attitude through additional reading time and story reading in class which has led to Theatre visits to see the production of Tom's Midnight Garden and Billionaire boy with KS2; Dressing up for fun filled book -based lessons for World Book Day and visiting Carlisle library to become members.



During the week commencing the 13th June, 2022 we will also be taking part in a week of book and literacy-based activities with author's as part of the CSP Literacy festival. This is going to be a fun filled and action -packed week for all our children! More information to follow.

We need your help!

To help us continue to develop our Reading Curriculum at Great Orton Primary School and help us support you, when reading at home, I would like you to complete the Reading Survey attached by Friday 10th June 2022 and return to the school office.

I thank you for your help and support.

Kind regards

Catherine Bellas

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