

Library Policy

The aims of our library are:

- To provide children with a stimulating, yet relaxing environment, in which they feel comfortable in selecting texts and learning materials of their choice
- For the children to enjoy visiting the library and be confident in their abilities to use the library system independently and efficiently; therefore developing a valuable life skill and a love for reading and learning
- To celebrate reading, both within our school and the wider community.
To ensure that available resources are current and also reflect and respond to the needs of the curriculum and the children.
- To encourage reading by providing a range of materials to suit all ages and abilities and develop a love of books and reading
- Develop creative thinkers and independent learners.
- To maintain links with external agencies and develop connections with local libraries

Organisation

The library is centrally located on the ground floor and the layout ensures that it is accessible to all children and staff.

All key stage 1 and 2 classes are timetabled to visit the library every week with their teacher and teaching assistant. These sessions provide the opportunity for free browsing and for staff to listen to children read. The librarian is on hand to assist children with book choices and recommendations. Nursery Children visit the library one a week for story time.

We use a computerised library management system - Junior Librarian to organise the lending of books to all children in the school. The self service system encourages children to issue and return their own books, check their library accounts and search for books and information independently.

The library is open every break and lunchtime for children to use. Kindles and the audio listening station are available for use at lunchtime. The library is open for families to use every Tuesday after school.

10 Year 5 and 6 Library Champions help the librarian promote, organise and run the library. Book related activities and competitions are run every half term to encourage and promote the library and reading.

All children in school are encouraged to become members of the local public library. Reception class visits to the public library are arranged in the summer term.

Overdue notices are run every half term and sent out to class teachers. Reminder letters are also sent home with children. A payment of £5.00 per book is requested to replace lost or damaged library resources.

Resources

The library has collections of fiction and non-fiction resources suitable for different ages and reading levels.

Dual language books to support children whose first language is not English.

Early readers and picture books to promote independent reading.

Year 6 Reader section.

Graphic Novels

Access to larger print text from the RNIB Bookshare website for partially sighted children.

Audio CD's

Selection of children's magazines and newspapers

Library notice board promotes the school library and reading events, and encourages collaborative debate.

Ipads to search the library catalogue and support independent research.

6 reading Kindles

Library Blog promotes the library and community reading events.

Green screen technology and the school radio are used to promote reading activities around the school.