



Reading in EYFS at St John Bosco Catholic Primary



In Nursery and Reception we offer a wide range of activities and experiences to support children to develop reading skills. These activities and strategies are delivered through a balance of adult-led and child-initiated experiences, these include:

- ◆ A print rich environment with books throughout the Continuous Provision. The provision includes a Phonics Station and a comfy, calm Reading Area, Reading Buddies and a range of fiction, non-fiction book baskets.
- ◆ Daily Phonics sessions in Reception following the 'Soundwrite' scheme.
- ◆ Phonics sessions centred on early listening skills and oral blending/segmenting skills as well as a Nursery Rhyme of the week in Nursery.
- ◆ Reception Whole Class Shared Reading once a week. The weekly Literacy sessions are based on a text chosen to fit within the Topic theme for that week.
- ◆ Reception Small Group Reading once a week. Texts used initially are the same as those used in whole class shared reading sessions but move on to decodable 'Dandelion Readers' in line with the 'Soundwrite' scheme.
- ◆ Reception Home Reading – We use a decodable phonics based books from the Soundwrite and Dandelion Reader schemes. Parents are given a Reading Record with guidance for supporting reading and with lists of phonemes and key words.
- ◆ Reception Individual reading with Teacher/TA once per week.
- ◆ Reception children have a 'Keyword Keyring' attached to their reading folder, with new Tricky Words being attached regularly..
- ◆ A Family Phonics newsletter detailing the sounds/ High Frequency Words taught each week.
- ◆ A story read at the end of each day for pleasure.

Support for parents takes a variety of forms, these include:

- ◆ An invitation to attend a Parent Workshop to explain how reading is taught at St John Bosco and to give ideas to support learning at home.
- ◆ Guidance leaflets, bookmarks and booklets to support reading skills, which are sent home across the year.
- ◆ In the first term, each child receives their free story book from the Book Trust. Parents are then invited to come in and 'Stay for a Story' based on this book, as well as further 'Stay for a Story' sessions termly.
- ◆ Staff gift the children a book each every Christmas.
- ◆ Parents are invited to utilise our library to allow them to also 'read for pleasure'.

