

SURLINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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READING POLICY

Aims

Children will be able to read with fluency, accuracy and understanding. We aim for children to enjoy reading and read for pleasure and interest.

How we shall achieve these aims

- The school will ensure that attractive and suitable material is available for children to read and for teachers to use for the teaching of reading. Resources will also promote equal opportunities and reflect the diversity and multicultural society that we live in.
- An effective and graded set of books will be used to teach reading. The National Book Bands will be used to level books from a variety of schemes and 'real books'. Children will also be able to select books that are not banded.
- A variety of teaching methods will be used. Different methods will be more appropriate for some children than others. Methods that are used include, the teaching of phonics, whole word recognition, context, pictures and graphic clues.
- Children will read regularly in a range circumstances and differing situations. i.e. Group, individual, shared and guided reading. Children will be able to read in book clubs, library session and reading that is integral to other areas of the curriculum.
- Children will be taught and encouraged to use library skills.
- Teachers will monitor pupil progress through a variety of assessment techniques. i.e. QCA testing, Salford and PM bench marking. Children with particular needs in reading will be identified whether they are gifted and talented or have special needs. Teaching staff will identify children who have reading difficulties and support will be gained from the LEA advisory and Schools' Psychological Services.
- Parents will be encouraged to be involved in their child's reading. Parents are invited to share books and read with their child during weekly library sessions.
- Children regularly take books home from the banded books or from the library. Parents are encouraged to record their child's progress, level of enjoyment or anything that may be of relevance. A Home School contact book is used by parent, teacher or child.
- Parents and members of the community are encouraged to visit school and read with children.
- Staff are kept up to date with teaching methods and current thinking. Staff, where necessary will attend INSET on the teaching of reading and advice will be sought from LEA Advisors.
- Where possible children will be involved with enriching activities during World Book Day, visits to see book authors and signings, plays and films, visiting libraries and the library van.

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