

Our Approach to the Teaching of Reading

Reading is a key life skill; a skill that is taught in Literacy based lessons and used across the whole curriculum. At The Bromley Pensnett Primary School we actively promote the importance of reading for pleasure and strive to ensure that all children develop competencies in the two dimensions of reading – *word reading* and *comprehension*.

We share books regularly with adults showing how to read and enjoy books aloud. This is as important for our older children as it is in early years.

We begin teaching phonics in Early Years Foundation Stage and this is continued in KS1, and KS2 where necessary. We follow the 'Letters and Sounds' programme so reading is taught through a systematic synthetic approach.

All children have an individual reading book that should be taken home and read on a regular basis. Each reading book is levelled and the main scheme we use is Oxford Reading Tree and Bug Club. The scheme is also supplemented by other books as we believe it is important to offer children a range of reading material.

Reading is also taught through guided reading sessions. This is where an adult will work directly with a small group of children to ensure that they are applying their phonic skills, developing their comprehension skills and asking/answering questions about what they have read. In our questioning we use the 5 P's which helps children to think as they read. These stand for: what Puzzles us, what Problems can we see, what do we Predict will happen, what Pattern can we spot and what do the Pictures tell us.

All children can access books online at home using their unique username and password for Bug Club. Their teacher sets up their library of books and regularly changes them. There are quizzes they can access and points they can gain the more they read,

To support children's own independence in selecting reading material we are lucky to have a library in school. In all classrooms there is a reading corner that is well stocked with exciting books and promotes a lifelong love of learning.