



BEANFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Provision at Beanfield

As a school we believe that learning to read is the most important thing children will accomplish during their primary years. There is a huge amount of evidence that being a reader impacts on children's future social, emotional, economic and academic success and as a result of this, we are working hard to improve our reading provision.

At Beanfield there are two key strands to our reading curriculum:

1. The teaching of reading which starts with phonics and then moves into developing fluency and comprehension.
2. Instilling in children a love of reading for pleasure because, "Reading for pleasure is the single most important thing that will make a child successful in life." (UNESCO)

In school, we have completely restructured the literature offer we have for children, investing in quality reading for pleasure books that children can choose from as well as in two dedicated reading schemes – Reading Write Inc for Phonics and, once phonics are secure, the PM Reading Scheme. We are also prioritising reading on our timetables, ensuring there is time dedicated to teaching reading but also for children to read for pleasure and to hear high quality literature being read aloud to them.

We would also like to ask for your support at home to ensure this work has the biggest impact possible. To support your child's development of reading skills and a love of reading, from January, every day, your child will bring home two books – one is a book matched to their reading level (either a Read Write Inc phonics book or a PM levelled book) and one is a reading for pleasure book they will have selected from our new class libraries. We ask that you find a few minutes ideally every day but as a minimum, three times a week, to hear them read their books and then talk to them about what they have read. Every child will be coming home with a book mark which has some simple questions you can ask your child to engage with them in a discussion about what they have read. **Please ensure these books are kept in your child's school bag and come into school every day as they will also be used for 1:1 reading sessions in school and will be changed regularly.**

We have had a massive sort through all of our books in school, and as a result we have a lot of books that need new homes. Starting on Monday 10th January (weather permitting), we will be setting up trolleys in the Key Stage 1 playground at the beginning and end of the day and you and your children are welcome to come and help yourselves to as many books as you like. We have a great range of picture books and short stories for younger children as well. We will also be sharing books on the Key Stage 2 playground for older children.

Your commitment to your child's learning has been evident in so many ways over the past few months and we know that we can count on you to encourage your child to become the best reader they can be. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Craddock and Mrs Dickinson
Reading Leaders

Nurturing the citizens of tomorrow through our Community Code:

Freedom Tolerance Responsibility Respect Pride