

Why is Reading important?

At Gorse Hill Primary School, we value reading as a key skill that is essential for academic and life success. We are dedicated to enabling our pupils to become lifelong readers.

We believe that being able to read and being able to offer something for others to read is the purest form of communication and at Gorse Hill we believe that all pupils have the right to access these skills.

We read to know we are not alone.

—C.S. Lewis

What does Reading look like at Gorse Hill?

We offer opportunities to read in all areas of the curriculum to develop decoding skills, extend vocabulary and introduce different forms of text. All pupils in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 will read in school independently, in guided groups, with reading buddies, and as a shared class session. They listen to adults and other children read, taking part in paired reading during Read Write Inc sessions with their own and other age groups.

Reading for Pleasure is celebrated throughout the school and weekly sessions are dedicated to this.

What do our children think?

'I love to learn how to sound out alien words'-

- Malak Year 2

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"I like to use my Freddie Fingers to spell words'

- Aoife Year 2

"The reading books are fun because we learn about pirates, how to look after animals and about Robin Hood"

- Isla Year 1

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What is our vision for Reading at Gorse Hill?

- To offer a phonics scheme that systematically teaches the basic phonetical skills of early reading.
- Children should become independent and lifelong readers.
- We intend for our children to experience and enjoy high quality texts of different of genres, texts, traditions and poetry throughout EYFS and KS1.
- A team of highly skilled teaching staff who deliver a structured and systematic approach to decoding new words, alongside encouraging and developing a lifelong love of reading.