

Our Reading Provision: Key Stage 2



Reading Curriculum

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum at St Thomas'. We want to inspire our pupils to have a life-long love of reading and understand the knowledge it can unlock. We believe that **high-quality texts** are the key to developing a love of reading: these are selected from the **CLPE** The Power of Reading scheme and inspire writing opportunities in our English lessons. There are also opportunities for **reading to support other subjects** in the curriculum including RE, Geography and History.

We follow a 'Phonics first' approach and continue to use RWI strategies in our Guided Reading lessons. For children who did not pass their Phonic Screening in KS1, they will continue with **daily RWI lessons** to ensure that rapid progress is made where possible.

*Some of the books we do in each
KS2 year group:*



Reading In School

Whole Class Reading

Teachers model reading of the **Class Text** to the whole class. For most of our books, we have whole class sets of the books so that we can read along with our teacher.

One-to-one Reading

Currently, children are heard read in a whole-class setting when reading their Class Text. Where children need further support, they will read to a Learning Support Assistant or their class teacher in small group interventions.

Independent Reading

Children have the opportunity at different points in the day to read their chosen book. In some classes this is at the start of the day, in others it may be when they come in from lunch.

Reading Lessons

We have five 30 minute sessions a week for reading. We use our **Class text** for most lessons. For at least one session a week, we focus on **comprehension skills**, using the Twinkl Pawsome Gang to support our learning.



Reading At Home

Children are expected to read between 15-20 minutes a day. At the start of KS2, parents may still write a comment in the **Reading Record**. By Year 4, children should be commenting on what they have read and any new vocabulary they encountered. Parents need to sign their records Children are encouraged to select a high-quality book from their **Class Library/** Book Corner. Children are also assigned books on **Bug Club**, an online reading programme, at an appropriate level for their age and ability.

Reading For Pleasure

Each of our Class Libraries has a selection of **fiction and non-fiction books** that are suitable for the children's age range. They can choose to read any of these books at home, independently or to an adult. We also have our **School Library**, which we can borrow books from at Lunchtime.

Each classroom has a special **reading area**, designed by the class and teacher with their year group in mind. We have a competition for our School Council to vote for the best one!

