



# Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection

## Reading at Banks Lane Junior School 2024-2025



### Phonics

At Banks Lane Junior School, we are all teachers of reading. We encourage pupils from years 3 to 6 to use their knowledge of sounds to decode and spell (encode) new, tricky vocabulary. We use the Read Write Inc phonics sounds and texts for pupils in year 3 and beyond who need additional support to read fluently. We have a range of phonetically decodable yet age-appropriate books to support children to make rapid progress in reading.



### Whole Class

We use a whole class reading approach of a 40-minute lesson every morning. We all read aloud together; our teacher models reading with fluency and expression; and new vocabulary is explicitly taught. We revisit and review language regularly, where possible linking our learning across the curriculum and we use our 'Reading Gems' to support our comprehension skills.



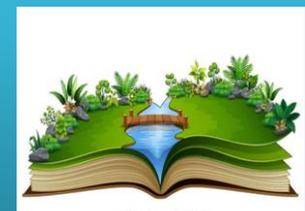
### Reading for pleasure

We encourage everyone to read regularly for pleasure. We have weekly visits to our school library and have a regular story time of a variety of exciting texts. Our class book areas are well-stocked with a variety of challenging texts and we have author corners where we learn about a variety of diverse writers. We have regular reading events in school for example World Book Day and National Poetry Day; our librarians support with this. We have regular updates in our ROAR to support parents at home in creating a love of reading atmosphere.



### Assessment

Pupils working below the expected standard when they join us in year 3 are assessed using our YARC assessments; these allow us to recognise which areas of reading pupils need support with. This could be decoding, fluency or comprehension. We then set up phonics and comprehension catch-up groups for these pupils throughout school until they become fluent readers. From years 3-5 we use NTS assessments in reading as well as practice SATs papers for our year 6 pupils ensuring we focus on comprehension skills.



### Community Links

We have weekly reading mornings during the Autumn term where we invite our community to share our pupils' experiences of reading in the classroom. We take part in the Stockport Book Awards where pupils are encouraged to read a variety of new fiction books, as well as enter competitions with other schools across the local authority. We invite authors and poets into school to lead assemblies and workshops that inspire a love of reading.