



Saint Nathaniel's Academy

At Saint Nathaniel's we want our children to be passionate readers and our role is to instil and nurture this love of reading for all our pupils. We have an extensive and exciting range of school guided and home reading books for the children to read. Our aim is to provide books that are both stimulating and challenging. We meet this aim by stocking books by the following publishers; Rigby Rocket, Collins, Story World, Oxford Reading Tree, Treetops and Puffin. We choose not to follow a set reading scheme because we feel our children benefit from a wide coverage of texts within each reading level. These books are regularly restocked and levelled according to our APP colour coded levels. Children are then given their target level book to read at home as well as with their teacher in Guided Reading during Literacy lessons. Reading a target level book enables the teacher and support assistant to challenge the child's comprehension and reading ability so that they are always working on achieving their targets. Children in Key Stage 1 read each week with an adult in school and in Key Stage 2 class teachers monitor the progress of children's home reading through Key Skills sessions where again books are changed weekly. In Key Stage 2, once children reach level 4A they become 'free readers' meaning that they have achieved a high level in reading and can now choose from a challenging range of texts that interest them. Their progress is still monitored by their class teachers to ensure that they are choosing suitable yet challenging books to read.

THE TEACHING OF PHONICS

The approach we use to teaching Phonics at Saint Nathaniel's is by following the 'Letters and Sounds' planning guidance. Phonics is taught in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and children are expected to achieve Phase 6 by the end of Year 2. Teachers plan using the same school planning template and the teaching of Phonics is monitored by our Phonics Co-Ordinator. Each term children are assessed against the expectations of the phase that has been delivered to them and teachers will then target their needs to the next phase of phonics teaching they will receive. Our phonics lessons provide an exciting, challenging and fun environment to learn reading and spelling patterns essential to Literacy development.