



Powick CE Primary School Reading Offer

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The person who never reads lives only one." —
George R.R. Martin



At Powick CE Primary School, we believe that reading is the foundation of every child's education and one of the greatest gifts we can offer. Through books, children discover new worlds, develop empathy, deepen their understanding of others and build the knowledge and vocabulary that enables them to thrive in every area of learning.

We are committed to nurturing confident, enthusiastic readers who choose to read because they enjoy it. Our carefully planned reading curriculum introduces children to a rich range of high-quality fiction, non-fiction and poetry from diverse authors, cultures and time periods. We want every child to leave Powick with the skills, confidence and curiosity to become lifelong readers.

Developing a Love of Reading

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." — **Dr. Seuss**

Reading for pleasure sits at the heart of life at Powick. We know that children who enjoy reading are more likely to become successful learners across the curriculum, and we therefore provide daily opportunities for children to read, listen to stories and talk about books.

Adults throughout the school model a love of reading by sharing favourite texts, recommending authors and creating exciting reading experiences that inspire children to develop positive reading habits.

Every Child Matters

We believe that every child deserves access to excellent books regardless of their background or previous experiences. For some children, school provides the greatest opportunity to encounter high-quality literature and develop positive reading routines.

To ensure every child is successful, we provide carefully targeted support alongside regular opportunities to read independently, with adults and with their peers. Reading is viewed as everyone's responsibility and is prioritised across the school.



Children who require additional support receive regular opportunities to practise reading with skilled adults to build confidence, fluency and comprehension.

Reading Across the School

Children enjoy regular opportunities to read throughout each week.

- Daily story time is a valued part of every classroom, allowing children to hear rich, engaging texts read aloud with expression.
- Whole-class reading lessons develop fluency, vocabulary and comprehension through carefully chosen high-quality texts.
- Guided reading, individual reading and targeted interventions ensure that teaching is closely matched to children's needs.
- Children who need additional support receive frequent reading practice to accelerate progress and build confidence.

Our reading spine ensures that children experience a broad and balanced range of authors, genres, cultures and themes throughout their journey at Powick.



Early Reading and Phonics

At Powick CE Primary School, we teach early reading through the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised programme. Children receive daily, systematic phonics lessons that are carefully sequenced to develop secure phonic knowledge, fluent word reading and confident decoding skills. Reading books are closely matched to each child's current phonic knowledge, ensuring they can apply the sounds they have been taught successfully and experience success every time they read. Children read the same carefully matched book several times across the week to build accuracy, fluency and confidence before taking it home to share with their families. Any child who requires additional support receives timely 'Keep-up' sessions to help them keep pace with the programme, ensuring every child has the best possible opportunity to become a confident, fluent reader.

Our School Library



Our welcoming school library is designed to encourage children to explore books independently and discover new interests.

Children visit the library regularly to borrow books, browse different genres and develop their independence as readers. Books are carefully organised to help children make informed choices while also encouraging them to discover something new.

We continually review and develop our collection to ensure children have access to contemporary authors alongside much-loved classics.



Reading at Home

Reading flourishes when school and home work together.

Every child has a reading diary which enables parents and school to celebrate reading achievements and communicate regularly about progress. We encourage children to read at home every day, even if only for ten minutes, as regular practice develops fluency, confidence and enjoyment.

Teachers recognise and celebrate consistent reading, helping children develop positive lifelong habits.

Reading Ambassadors

Our Key Stage Two Reading Ambassadors play an important role in promoting reading throughout the school.

Following an application process, ambassadors receive training before supporting younger readers, recommending books and helping to organise reading events across the year. They act as positive role models, encouraging a culture where reading is valued and celebrated by everyone.

Storytelling and Early Reading

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, children are immersed in high-quality picture books and traditional tales.



Stories are brought to life through storytelling, role play, story maps, puppets and continuous provision activities, allowing children to retell familiar stories confidently and develop a deep understanding of language and narrative.

These experiences build strong foundations for reading comprehension, vocabulary development and future writing.



Celebrating Reading

Reading is celebrated throughout the year in many different ways.

World Book Day provides a wonderful opportunity for children to dress as favourite characters, share recommended books, meet authors where possible and take part in exciting reading activities and competitions.

Alongside this, we celebrate reading through author studies, themed book events, library displays, reading challenges and classroom book recommendations, ensuring that books remain at the heart of school life.

Our Vision

At Powick CE Primary School, we believe that reading unlocks opportunity, fuels imagination and empowers children to succeed.

By creating a culture where books are treasured, stories are shared and reading is celebrated every day, we aim to inspire every child to become a confident reader who develops a lifelong love of books.

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." — **Frederick Douglass**