

Reading at Byerley Park

We love to read!

We firmly believe that building skills in reading is the pathway to pupils' achievement and we spend a great deal of time and effort into ensuring our pupils are able to read.

In Reception, where the building blocks are laid out, we teach the pupils to read through 'Jolly Phonics'. We have also introduced a new scheme, called 'Phonics Bug', which encourages pupils to read online, answer questions and share experiences with parents and carers.

The pupils read books from our core Reading Scheme, The Oxford Reading Tree, where they are introduced to several child-friendly characters like Biff, Chip, Kipper and Floppy! The core scheme is complemented with a range of other materials, including aspects of other reading schemes, as well as real books.

We encourage all our pupils to read at home every night.

When the pupils move across to the Juniors, we change the scheme to 'Pocket Readers'. This is also complemented by the 'Bug Club' online reading scheme, which has been recently introduced across the whole school. The books encourage pupils to really engage with them and have a number of questions that pupils are expected to answer – this supports their understanding and ability to extract information from a text.

When pupils reach a certain level, they move onto reading books that they choose themselves, hence building confidence and enjoyment even further.