

English in KS2 at Gladstone Road Primary School

Reading

Reading lessons are designed to enable our children to become confident and fluent readers.

Whole class guided reading lessons are taught daily for 30 minutes and follow a teaching sequence of: *Text marking (annotating texts) to aid understanding, vocabulary tasks to develop understanding of a rich language, questions based on 'Looking (retrieval), Clue (reading between the lines) and Thinking Questions (A deeper understanding of the text with skills to quote from the text in supporting their answers).*



School and Class Libraries – Children have access to a wide range of books in our very well stocked school library (which they are encouraged to use) as well as books in their classrooms. Children are directed to choose books appropriate to their reading abilities as well as books that interest them.



Rewards/Reading Diaries -

Children are encouraged to read regularly and record all their reading in a diary provided by school. For every five reads they earn a star for the reading star chart and then certificates to celebrate their reading.

Other ways we enrich our reading curriculum

- Visits to the local town library
- Author visits into school
- Celebrate World Book Day
- Author celebration days
- Older children read with our EYFS children and visit local nursery providers



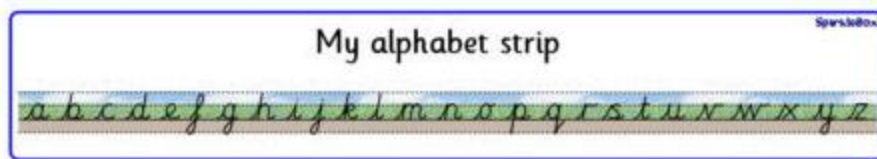
Writing

Writing skills are developed through year group topics/themes and enriched by trips and visits around that theme to give children real life experiences to draw on in their writing. We develop grammar, spelling and punctuation within the writing process and access a variety of texts including a termly or half termly class novel.

Composition - children are taught to:

Plan, draft, re-draft, edit and publish their writing

Transcription – Spelling (See spelling programme) and **Handwriting** is taught as fully cursive with the aim to maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed. <https://www.kidzone.ws/cursive/>



Phonics and Spelling



In KS2 children build on and apply the skills learnt through **Letters and Sounds** in KS1. When ready, they move onto the **Read Write Inc. Spelling Programme** which teaches a spelling rule and pattern over a 2 week block. Using a proven approach underpinned by phonics, fast-paced lessons and an online subscription, the programme prepares children for the higher demands of the statutory spelling assessments at the end of KS2.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/spelling/>