

Souththrop's approach to the teaching of Reading

Reading in Early Years

Reading is a key priority within Early Years and underpins everything we do. This includes making sure topics are built around a wide selection of books. Reception children in the Cygnets are encouraged to borrow books from our library to share with parents/guardians at home. They are taught the technical skills of reading through Read, Write Inc. Phonic's Programme but they are taught how to talk about books through whole class taught sessions, individual and group work.

Guided Reading in Years 2 - 6

VIPERS is an acronym to aid the recall of the 6 reading domains as part of the reading curriculum. They are the key areas which we feel children need to know and understand in order to improve their comprehension of texts.

VIPERS stands for:

Vocabulary
Inference
Prediction
Explanation
Retrieval
Sequence or Summarise

School Library

Every child has the opportunity to visit the library before, during or after school. Children can share stories, borrow books, browse and borrow Accelerated Reader books. We have a wide range of books.

E.R.I.C Time

At 2.40pm every day, Everyone Reading in Class begins. This is a time for children to listen to stories read by adults as well as allowing the children the opportunity to enjoy books from the class reading area.

Accelerated Reader in Years 1 - 6

Accelerated Reader is a loved online based program that helps us to monitor and manage our children's independent reading practice. Our library is broken into a Cygnet AR reading section and a Swan AR reading section to ensure all our books are age appropriate.

Fairford Library Partnership

We work closely with Fairford library and encourage all of our children to be members of the library and to attend on a regular basis. We visit the library about three times a year in our mini-bus and borrow books, read stories and join in many of the library events.

Bedtime Stories

Once a term, we host a bedtime story for the children. They love coming along in their onesies with their families to listen to a story of their choice and enjoy a hot chocolate!



The MORE that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The MORE that you
LEARN, the more places
you'll **GO**.

World Book Day

We invest heavily in WBD and ensure we have authors and excellent workshops alongside many activities to encourage and engage our children in reading and writing. Activities have included; share a story with hot chocolate, the Masked Reader, Reading Dangerously, book swap, visiting the Madhatter's Bookshop, Burford and many other activities.

Cheltenham and Burford Literature Festivals

At Souththrop, we value meeting authors, listening and reading high quality texts therefore we visit the Cheltenham and Burford Literature Festival every year. We love these events and find it gives us lots of opportunities to encourage reading and writing for pleasure.

Reading Spine and High Quality Texts

We have designed our Reading spine that is centred around classic and essential reads that help children engage at a deeper level and enter the world of the story. We are currently investing in these books. We use high quality texts in every area of the curriculum.