

Curriculum Intent

Reading	
<p><i>There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island - Walt Disney</i></p> <p><i>I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book - J.K Rowling</i></p>	
Why should children learn this subject?	<p>At Brackenwood Junior School, we believe that all pupils should have the opportunity to become fluent, confident readers who are able to successfully comprehend and understand a wide range of texts becoming increasingly independent. We want pupils to develop a love of reading, a good knowledge of a range of authors, and be able to understand more about the world in which they live through the knowledge they gain from texts. In addition, we want to enable pupils to enter their secondary education feeling equipped to read texts from a range of subject areas. By supporting pupils in becoming proficient readers, we will enable them to become skilful writers.</p>
What will children learn to do in this subject?	<p>At Brackenwood Junior School, children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop their knowledge of using and applying synthetic phonics. • Improve their decoding and fluency. • Expand their vocabulary and use words from reading in their writing. • Build upon comprehension skills so that they continue to be able to work with more complex texts as they progress through Key Stage 2. • Learn to clarify words that they are unsure of the meaning of. • Summarise texts to draw out the main points. • Make predictions about characters, plots, chapters and books before and during reading them. • Ask questions to further their understanding. • Maintain or develop a love of reading and a range of texts.
How will we inspire them?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular opportunities to read to an adult, if needed. • Working closely with parents whose children need support with their fluency and comprehension skills. • Teaching daily shared reading lessons, using a range of texts. • Listening to class stories, read by the teacher. • Staff at school have displayed their favourite childhood books in order to inspire pupils. • Celebrating books through displays. • Reading competitions. • Visiting the travelling book fair. • Giving pupils a choice about which books they would like to read. • Using a text based approach to writing. • Celebrating world book day by having our own world book week. • Seeking pupil's views through pupil voice meetings and questionnaires.
Local and Cultural Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bebington Civic Library • Lingham's Book Shop (Heswall) • Local authors on Twitter and visits

