

Whole Class Reading



At Holy Trinity we want our children to foster a love of reading and to read 'for pleasure'.

We want our children to develop a rich and varied vocabulary.

However, children are also assessed in their ability to **comprehend** what they read. This is assessed each year by the school and nationally at the end of Year 6 through the KS2 Reading Test.

As part of our new timetable, every class will have a reading lesson for half an hour each morning. This is in addition to the usual English lesson.

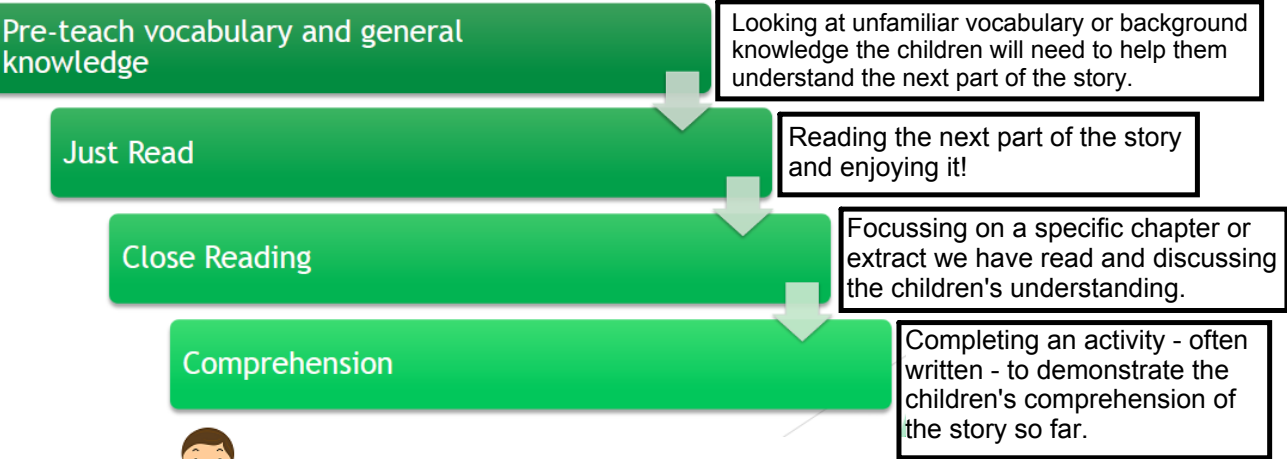
This half hour lesson is referred to as Whole Class Reading.

Each half term, children will read and explore a novel as a whole class.

This half term, Year 3 will be reading The Hodgeheg, Year 4 will be reading Krindlekrax, Year 5 will be reading The Boy in the Tower and Year 6 will be reading Wonder.

During the week, the children will work on a variety of tasks designed to deepen their understanding and comprehension of the book, including expanding their general knowledge, their vocabulary and their inference and analytical skills.

During the week, we will work through the following sessions.



This work will be recorded in a Reading Journal.

We will continue to complete for formal 'reading comprehension' to prepare children for the rigours of the test.

At home, continue to encourage your children to read a wide range of genres and authors. This will help to expose them to a varied, rich vocabulary.

Use the homework diaries to record what they have read and make sure that you have signed it.

Encourage your children to comment on what they have read in the section provided in their diaries.

Children are expected to read at home for a minimum of 10 minutes, 5 times a week and for this to build towards achieving the Reading Reward at the end of the Autumn term. This **MUST** be recorded in their homework diary to count.

- * Visit our local libraries.
- * Get your child's **free** library card.

- * Visit the school website for themes and authors of the month.

- * Online, visit Book Trust, LoveReading4Kids and LoveReading4Schools for extracts, recommendations and other fun stuff.

- * Share stories and books with your children.
- * Discuss unusual vocabulary.

- * Talk to your children about what you have read and what they have read.

