

Foxfields Academy

Reading Intent

At Foxfields Academy, reading is a vital part of our tailored curriculum and supports our pupils to be prepared for life after school. We believe reading opens doors to knowledge, self-understanding, emotional growth and opportunity. Our intent is to develop confident, fluent and enthusiastic readers who use reading to grow as individuals, connect with others and understand the wider world.

Intent - Self

We want reading to support pupils' personal development, resilience and self-understanding. Through reading, pupils will:

- Develop confidence, fluency and independence as readers.
- Build resilience and perseverance when engaging with texts and new ideas.
- Strengthen communication, vocabulary and emotional literacy.
- See themselves represented in books and develop identity, self-worth and belonging.
- Use reading to support regulation, reflection, wellbeing and aspiration.
- Become successful learners who are prepared for life beyond school.

Intent - Others

We want reading to help pupils understand relationships, respect others and thrive in a community. Through a rich range of texts, pupils will:

- Develop empathy by exploring characters, perspectives and experiences.
- Build understanding of trust, honesty, fairness and mutual respect through literature.
- Value diversity and inclusion through exposure to a wide range of voices and cultures.
- Use discussion around texts to develop social communication, collaboration and respectful dialogue.
- Recognise how reading can help them understand themselves in relation to others.

Intent - Wider World

We want pupils to use reading to make sense of the world and their place within it. Through reading, pupils will:

- Develop curiosity about the world, past and present.
- Build knowledge across the curriculum and beyond.
- Explore important themes, rights, responsibilities and British values.
- Become thoughtful readers who question, infer and evaluate.
- Recognise reading as a tool for lifelong learning, opportunity and aspiration.

Intent - Love of Reading

We want every pupil to develop a genuine love of reading. We aim to foster this by:

- Providing engaging, diverse and high-quality texts matched to pupils' needs and interests.
- Promoting reading for pleasure as a valued part of school life.
- Creating a reading-rich culture through shared stories, author experiences, celebrations and enrichment.
- Encouraging pupils to read widely and often for enjoyment, comfort and discovery.
- Nurturing lifelong readers who choose to read beyond the classroom.