

We love books!



In January 2022, the DfE announced changes to *The Reading Framework* and the teaching of the foundations of literacy.

At Cherry Trees, we work hard to develop communication skills for all of our pupils in a wide variety of ways including building proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening, Makaton and PECS.

Following the January report from the Department for Education we have reorganised our library following its recommendations. We have invested in an exciting new reading scheme called Bug Club and I have included some more information about that in this pack.



Now for your part! As part of our push to increase levels of reading for pleasure, children will be choosing a book to bring home to have read to them every week "For Fun".

This book is to be shared with an adult. Children can keep the book at home for longer than a week if they wish, but it's really important that they are brought back to the library once they have finished.

Being read to by a fluent reader is one of the best ways to improve fluency in a child's reading. Sharing a book with a child is a great way to improve their comprehension.

There is research around reading to your child below, and how many words children would have heard by the time they were 5 years old if they were...

Never read to, **4,662** words;

Read to 1-2 times per week, **65,570** words;

Read to 3-5 times per week, **169,520** words;

Read to daily, **296,660** words.