



## Walbrook Nursery

### Reading

<b>Our Aim</b>	At Walbrook Nursery School we have high expectations for all key groups of children. We actively promote a love for reading and books. We introduce a rich array of books to our children to promote a lifelong love of reading. We make book browsing, reading stories and book talk fun and exciting.
<b>How do we instil a love for reading in our nursery?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We provide children with a range of different books made available in all areas of our nursery.</li><li>• We want children to revisit books so that knowledge and understanding of story language sticks. We focus on a given text for two weeks to allow for deep level learning.</li><li>• Parents have access to texts via our Tapestry toolkit, building links between the home and nursery strengthens our pledge to instil children with a love of books.</li><li>• We share a QR code with parents weekly where they can view a story on their device with their child at home, we actively encourage parents and carers to embrace stories and books.</li><li>• Our timetable puts focus on reading and book browsing daily.</li><li>• Our setting has designated areas where children can book browse and extend their love of early reading skills.</li><li>• Practitioners develop children's understanding of story language and vocabulary through high quality talk around books.</li><li>• Children once familiar with a book have the opportunity to access a planned learning activity. The aim of this is to further deepen learning.</li><li>• Promoting equality and diversity through books is important to us. Every Friday we expose children to a book specifically selected with the aim of exposing children to varied cultures and faiths. We reflect on our cohort termly to make sure we celebrate our growing community.</li><li>• We hold half termly reading events and invite parents and carers into nursery to share books with their child.</li><li>• Through school to school support we hold 'reading buddy' events where key stage 2 children come into our nursery to book browse and read simple stories. We want our children to see older children loving and enjoying books.</li><li>• We place high focus on rhymes, nursery songs and discreet early phonics to prepare children for their next stage of learning in reception classes.</li></ul>

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<b>What is the impact of our reading curriculum?</b>	<p>By instilling a love for reading we are preparing children for the next stage of learning in reception . Rereading texts multiple times helps children to learn new vocabulary and build fluency. Through repetition in our story telling, we are developing comprehension skills that aid future reading and writing. Our breadth of quality books ensures that children have the foundations needed to support in the development of word reading. Our curriculum helps children make sense of and bring the characters and events in the story to life. Having the reading curriculum structured in this way ensures that we have high expectations for all children within our nursery community to thrive.</p>