

# English - Reading

Reading is a key life skill and is the foundation for learning new knowledge. It enables and empowers our children in becoming independent learners and broadening their experiences beyond that of their immediate surroundings.

At Willow Grove, we are dedicated to supporting our children in gaining a love and enjoyment of reading; leading to become lifelong readers. This commitment of learning allows our children to acquire new knowledge and develop their understanding of language: helping them to build upon what they already know.

Our children are immersed in a range of broad and rich experiences of non-fiction and fiction by a range of authors from around the world as well as modern and classical poetry by a range of poets. These extensive reading experiences provide our children with the chance to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually through carefully chosen text.

## Intent

We aim to provide children with a literacy-rich environment, high quality texts and inspiring learning opportunities, which will help them to:

- Gain a life-long enjoyment of reading and books.
- Read accurately, fluently and with understanding;
- Apply a knowledge of structured synthetic phonics in order to decode unfamiliar words with increasing accuracy and speed;
- Be able to read with expression, clarity and confidence;
- Develop a good linguistic knowledge of vocabulary and grammar;
- Read and respond to a wide range of different types of texts;
- Develop a deeper level of emotional intelligence and empathy;
- Read fluently, and with confidence, in any subject to enable them to succeed in their learning journey.

## Areas for skills development

- Phonics
- Phonemic Awareness (able to put sounds together aurally)
- Vocabulary
- Fluency
- Reading Comprehension