

Book Corners

Every classroom has a book corner to enhance the learning environment. This area houses the free readers for the class. The texts are updated.

School Library and Reading Cloud

Children visit our school library on a rota basis. Children in Year 6 run the library. Every child has access to the Reading Cloud.

Engaging Parents

Reading workshops have enabled parents to understand more about Reading at Uplands. Parents are informed at parents' evenings about how their children are progressing in reading and targets are given for the children to work on at home. Relevant information is also shared with parents. E.G. How to help your child read at home booklet

Reading Incentive - Mocha Monday

If the children read to an adult 3 x per week they let their class teacher know and their name goes into a raffle. At the end of the month, names are drawn and the winners go into the library for a hot chocolate treat.

Reading Incentive - Starbooks Award

When the children have read 6 reading books and completed 6 reading journal activities they go to the Deputy Head teacher who looks at and discusses their journal activities and then they choose something from a reward box.

Tests - NGRT

These reading tests are completed in September and February. They are multiple-choice answers. These tests give the children a reading age and a standardised score.

Tests - Headstart

These reading tests are completed termly. These are set out with a text and a range of questions on the domains. The children get a scaled score.



Uplands Junior School

Reading at Uplands

What does it look like?



Uplands Junior School

Part 2

We encourage all pupils to read widely to develop their knowledge of themselves and the wider world we live in.

By the end of the Key Stage, it is our intention that children enjoy reading, read fluently and are able to discuss the texts they read.



The Reading Gems



The Reading Gems are clearly on show in every classroom and are referred to regularly:

Enjoy

Decode

Define (2a)

Retrieve (2b)

Summarise (2c)

Infer (2d)

Predict (2e)

Relate (2f)

Explore (2g)

Compare (2h)

In brackets are the domains

Tests - Reading Fluency

Reading Fluency is tested across the school. Those children who do not read 95 words per minute are tested every month to see if their speed and accuracy has improved.

Tests - Comprehension

The LA have produced some reading tests that are similar to the Year 6 end of Key Stage Test. We are starting to use these across school. The children get a scaled score.

Assessments

Day to day assessments take place on Book Talk sheets. Staff assess how well their group has read and focused on the chosen Reading Gem. In the front of the children's English book, are our Stepping Stone target cards, which are filled in when the reading target has been completed.

Enhancements

At Uplands we also enhance reading by: Celebrating Word Book Day, inviting authors into school, organising book fairs, taking part in an annual performance poetry competition, getting children to choose books for their book corner or our school library and much more...