



Literacy and Reading Support

Led by the Literacy Coordinator, all pupils in year 7 undertake two Reading assessments in order to identify their reading age and their ability to access the secondary curriculum; research shows that pupils need a minimum reading age of 9 years and 6 months to do this.

The reading age assessments identify pupils to join either our Literacy Catch Up programme or one of our Guided Reading groups.

Literacy Catch-Up Programme:

- One to one structured sessions involving reading and writing, delivered by trained staff in two 15 minute sessions per week.
- On-going Reading Intervention Programme targeting children with a reading age below 9.6
- Reviews through the year and an *exit strategy* (to Reading Groups) means that pupils leave the programme as their skills and their confidence grow.

Guided Reading Group:

Small groups of children work on reading and comprehension skills, led by staff trained in "Guided Reading". This is a half hour session, once per week during form time.

- Targets pupils assessed at reading 2 years below their chronological age.
- Includes pupils in years 7, 8 and 9.
- All pupils in years 8 and 9 are Reading Age assessed annually. This ensures that none of our learners' reading slips below two years.
- New starters at school (mid-term and/or outside Y7) are also assessed for Reading ability, hence pupils may also be added to the programme.