

At Bullion Lane Primary School, reading is pivotal to all aspects of learning. We have a vibrant, interactive and enthusiastic approach to reading throughout the school. Not only are we lucky enough to have a vast, well-stocked library but we encourage reading in a variety of different and engaging ways. We have a reading shed in the school garden, reading trollies for playtime, a 'Secret Library,' book exchange, regular competitions related to books and authors. Weekly updates related to new stories or authors are shared with the parents on the school dojo. We had an Advent book calendar at Christmas where children won books each day. We are constantly striving to find new and different ideas to keep the love of reading alive throughout the school.

At Bullion Lane, we use the Read Write Inc programme to teach phonics.

This is taught from Nursery and the skills the children learn through this programme help them to decode more complex words until they become confident, independent readers. As all children are individuals and have different learning styles different approaches within individual classes may be used if necessary. Having a consistent approach to the teaching of phonics is having a dramatic, positive impact in raising standards in reading and writing.

We have a wide selection of books to help children to learn to read. These include books from Read Write Inc, Oxford Reading Tree, as well as popular children's literature, many of which are chosen by the children themselves. Children in Year six are also part of the Accelerated Reader Programme which is also proving to be a huge success particularly for reluctant readers.