

'You are a Reader': How schools are developing individual readers

In our 25th year we invited teachers to share how they develop their students as readers. We were blown away by the responses and hope that you will also be inspired by the below elements of practice that were shared by the schools that entered our You Are A Reader competition.

Teachers that read and share their enthusiasm

- · Assembly slots for teachers to recommend and read extracts from books
- Newsletter slots rotating round the staff across the year
- Book chat to begin each staff meeting
- Bookshelf of staff reads
- Staff participate in reading time
- Staff invite recommendations from students

Carving out reading time in the school day

- · Having a whole school reading slot
- Making reading time appealing to everyone by including a wide range of materials in the selection available to students newspapers, magazines, audiobooks as well as more traditional printed materials.
- Using 'Drop Everything and Read'
- Reading aloud every day even in secondary

Finding ways to have a broad and relevant book selection for the children

- Involving children in bookshop trips to ensure money is spent on books children will want to read
- Having a relationship with a bookshop who gets to know your children and can make recommendations of new and relevant reads
- Having a relationship with a library who gets to know your children and can make selections of new and relevant reads for them
- Hosting book fairs
- · Having a wishlist with a bookseller for parents who want to contribute resources to the school
- Using local charity shops

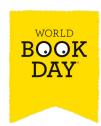
Moments and Spaces that celebrate reading

- World Book Day as a moment to celebrate year round activity
- Well cared for and inviting reading corners
- Doors dressed as books
- Clipframes on doors with teacher/class reads on
- Interactive book recommendation displays

Repositioning reading as a leisure activity

- Book Clubs
- A reading offer at break and lunchtime
- Bedtime story suitcases for children to take home with books, hot chocolate and a teddy
- Bookflix displays in the library sharing what's new and trending
- Battle of the books a knockout tournament
- Wellbeing interventions 'Shelf help' and Book Doctor





Supporting parents

- Running workshops introducing new books to parents
- Having a booky newsletter once a term sharing top reads
- Governors recording bedtime stories
- Book breakfasts
- Brew, a book and biscuits

Involving the children

- Annual reading surveys
- Reading ambassadors
- Librarians creating displays and sorting out books
- Book doctors for their peers good recommendations get a prize

Finding ways to making reading records into recommendations

- Challenge stickers If you enjoyed that try this..., Here's a wildcard...
- Book Prescriptions recommend your last read to another child or teacher you think might need to read it
- Class reading journals
- Post it reviews on books

Thank you and congratulations to our highly commended and winning schools:

Allanton Primary School

Bardwell School

Barrow CEVC Primary School

Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy

Cliffe Hill Community Primary School

Eltham Hill School

Forge Valley School

Hoole St Michael Church of England Primary School

King Charles C of E Primary School

Kingussie High School

Lyndhurst Primary School

St Michael's Academy

Trinity Academy Leeds

West Park Academy

Westwood Primary School

Whittington Green School

William Cobbett Primary School

Woodside Lodge Outdoor Learning Centre

