

Reading

At Newbold Verdon Primary School, we highly value reading as a life skill and are dedicated to enabling our pupils to become lifelong readers. We use a synthetic phonics programme called Read, Write Inc. which is an inclusive literacy programme for all children learning to read.

All children at Newbold Verdon Primary School have a reading book and a reading record to take home.

In EYFS and Key Stage 1, the reading books are phonetically decodable and link to the Read Write Inc. scheme (these are labeled 'I can read') We have high expectations for the children and recommend that they read at least five times a week at home and that reading records are completed by parents and carers so that progress can be monitored and there is a positive home-school link. Children are also sent home a 'Read with me' book. This is a book for you to share with your child.

A love of reading is developed through the experience of high quality texts from a variety of authors during the Talk for Writing sessions and through use of our reading for pleasure books and class stories. All children, from our early readers to those who are fluent, have a rich and varied reading diet, promoting both reading pleasure and an experience and appreciation for a range of texts.

By the end of Key Stage 2 we expect children to be competent and confident readers who can read a wide range of texts and show an understanding through proficient comprehension skills. Children will bring home a book that they have chosen from their classes selection. The books will be matched to your child's reading level. Children who still need support in Years 3 and 4 will have daily Read Write Inc. phonic lessons.

For children in Key Stage 2 who need more support with reading fluently, we run the Fresh Start programme which is a systematic synthetic phonics programme that accelerates progress for readers in years 5 and 6. Children are taught at their challenge point, so they can learn to read accurately and fluently.