



## Reading in Nursery

We aim to develop **a love of reading** in children from an early age. We **share quality texts** during shared reading, planned learning contexts and in the continuous provision. Enjoying books and reading stories from an early age helps with children's ability to **understand words**. It encourages them to develop their own imagination and to **develop their speech**.

### What will my child experience in a Nursery session?

- Children will be exposed to high quality picture books at story time which provide the children with a wide range of new vocabulary.
- Children will be given the opportunity to comment on stories and use the illustrations to support their thoughts.
- Children will explore a range of different genres such as fiction, non-fiction, poetry, religious stories and traditional tales.
- Children will listen to at least one story each day. By doing this, children are having thought provoking, extended conversations with adults about what they have read.
- Children will also be exposed to oral segmenting and blending games during a variety of listening activities and when working in the provision. This will prepare them for the transition into Reception where they will start the Reception *Sounds-Write* phonics scheme.

### How can you help at home?

- Talk with your child
- Allow children to act out their favourite stories for others in their family to watch
- Chat, talk, speak to, whisper and sing with your child
- Play 'I-spy' when you are out and talk about things in the environment
- And most importantly, read and enjoy stories together. A shared story between a child and a familiar, loved adult has a huge impact on children's interest and motivation for reading throughout their education. Nursery children are free to choose a story from our 'Library Box' at school to enjoy with their adult.