

Early Reading in Nursery

The early reading skills your child will learn in Nursery are an important foundation for starting school.

The focus at this age is on sharing stories, songs, and rhymes together and building talking and listening skills.

Below are some of the ways we develop these skills in our Nursery at Norwich Road.

- **Sharing stories**

We have books available throughout the Nursery environment, both inside and outside. As well as a dedicated 'reading garden', we have books linked to all areas of our provision such as maths and construction too.



- **Rhymes**



Learning rhymes is a key part of developing early reading skills. We focus on 3 rhymes each half term so the children are confident in singing them together. To enhance this learning we have rhyme baskets on offer in Nursery containing a book with the rhyme and associated props.

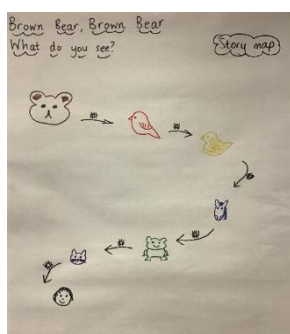
- **Lending Library**



In Nursery we have our own 'lending library'. The children are able to choose a book, take it home to share with their families and then return it and choose another.

- **School Library**

Each week we have the opportunity to visit our school library, learn about how to treat books carefully and share stories together.



- **Talk for writing**

At least once a half term the children are introduced to a 'model text'. We learn to recite this together and create a story map to help us. The children then have the opportunity to 'innovate' and make changes to the story and create their own story maps.

- **Early phonics skills**

Our phonics work in Nursery involves developing 'listening and attention skills' and playing with sounds. This may be involve going on a sound walk, making different sounds with instruments or exploring rhyme. The children will then be ready for more formal phonics teaching in their Reception year.



- **Helicopter Stories**

Helicopter Stories allow children to dictate their own story to an adult which is then written down. The children gather together around a stage area and the stories are acted out.

Sharing rhymes, stories and songs at home give the children opportunities to practise the skills we learn in Nursery.

