

# Poppleton Road Primary Curriculum Statement



At Poppleton Road Primary School, we aim to enrich and enhance the learning experience of children by nurturing a true love of reading. By promoting both independent reading and shared storytelling we hope to instil a pleasure of reading in all our pupils that will develop the creativity, imagination and wellbeing of our pupils. As well as a love of books, we aim to embed curiosity and a desire for knowledge and information. Not only does our library provide reading and research materials for our pupils, it also provides our teaching staff with a productive working area and resources to support their own subject knowledge, planning and lesson preparation. Our library is a calm, reflective and welcoming zone where people can feel relaxed and safe.



Our library offers our readers a plethora of fictional reading materials, from a range of genres, for pupils of all reading levels. Additionally, we take pride in our extensive collection of non-fiction texts that support learning across a range of topics. To support reluctant readers, or those who simply don't know which book to choose next, our library has a book recommendation system where staff and pupils can suggest books they have enjoyed to others in school. We also have an age-appropriate recommended read section that pupils from all year groups can access. Each half term, we open our library doors to families and welcome them to join us for Stay and Read. This allows children to share this fabulous space with their families, which will encourage them to read and share stories together. Reading competitions across the school, including reading challenges and Extreme Reading will also provide enjoyment alongside reading and advocate reading for pleasure. Every lunch, children take ownership of our library and manage Bug Club. Pupils gain points for visiting the library at lunchtimes and accessing our library resources. Our classes also enjoy biweekly visits to the library, for shared storytime and the chance to independently read and enjoy the calming library environment. Some classes schedule this time and some use it as a reward system which further embeds the ethos of reading for pleasure.



Our whole school curriculum is tailored to ensure that all our pupils will leave school with the understanding and skills to maintain a healthy lifestyle and good mental wellbeing. Our library is stocked with a range of reading resources that provide additional information on the human body, being active and how to maintain a healthy balanced diet. Our range of reading and learning resources are accessible to readers of all abilities thanks to colour-coordinated systems and our recommended book baskets. We also have an interactive display, plus an SEND basket with resources to make our library a calm, enjoyable and accessible place for all. By utilising our library, children will develop a deeper love of reading which will in turn enhance their reading ability, their confidence and support learning in all areas of the curriculum and in their future lives.



The National Literacy Trust states that reading provides amazing benefits for children. It enhances their comfort and reassurance, their confidence and security, as well as providing them with a route to relaxation, happiness and fun. Our library provides a reading community for our pupils where they can share and discuss their reads with one another and where they can enjoy the relaxation and calm of the space together. By placing pupils in charge of Bug Club, we hope to instil a sense of responsibility, organisation and leadership and encourage them to take ownership of the library community. By hosting regular Stay and Read sessions, we have also widened our library community to include our school families too.