

Whole Class Reading at Reigate Park

What is Whole Class Reading (WCR)?

WCR is the approach used in school from Year 2 on which enables children to develop skills and confidence in the three key areas of reading:

- Reading for Pleasure
- Vocabulary Development
- Oral Comprehension

By adopting this approach, we ensure that all children access high quality texts, engage with challenging texts and gain knowledge and understanding from the teacher's expert explanations, modelling, questioning and feedback.

How does WCR work?

- The teacher selects a high-quality text which challenges all children.
- The teacher reads the class to the class – modelling fluency, intonation and comprehension.
- Each session the children will dissect a text through high-level questioning, discussion and independent activities.
- Each week includes a range of activities, not all have written outcomes, which allow pupils to develop their comprehension skills and vocabulary.
- The WCR sessions ends with a 'Checking for Understanding' tasks. This enables the teacher to assess the child's understanding and provide further support or challenge as appropriate.