

Loseley Fields Newsletter

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

The joy of learning to read at Loseley



The term began in earnest with our two INSET days in January. One of these days saw our whole staff trained in our new phonics programme, Active Learn Bug Club Phonics. This is a scheme which fulfils all the new DfE requirements for the teaching of reading and ensures that there is fidelity to this programme in the way it is taught all the way through school until the children are secure in their phonics knowledge. It has been a joy to watch our youngest children enjoy both the routine and rigour of this part of their school day and I am sure that as parents you are relishing watching the magic of learning to read come alive in your homes. Thank you to all parents for continuing to prioritise reading in your home routines. Whether your child is four years old and reading for the first time or whether they are eleven and fluent, all children value both reading allowed to a familiar adult or snuggling down and having stories read to them. The more we do this for our children, the sooner they become readers and then the rest of the curriculum comes alive for them.



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Reading begins with Active Learn Bug Club Phonics
and then transitions to Accelerated Reader – your
child's journey through Loseley

When the children start with us in Reception, they will use Active Learn Bug Club phonics to start to learn their sounds and corresponding letter names using a systematic synthetic phonics programme. They will learn how to write their letters too. As the children build their library of sounds, they will soon begin to be able to blend these sounds which helps them to read and then segment these sounds (pull the sounds apart) which helps them to start to spell and write words and sentences. The children learn their sounds in a particular order and this order helps them to start to blend and segment quicker, helping them to read and write as quickly as possible. Bug Club teaches using a range of interactive games and eBooks which the children use in class. Your child will be assigned books which match the letter sounds that they have learnt in school. Please read with your child each day as the more they practice the more fluent they become.

The children continue to use Bug club to learn to read all the way through Year 1 and sometimes into Year 2, until the children are secure in their phonics. Teachers and teaching assistants will run interventions at school to help your child if they need some extra practice.

When your child is secure in their phonics, they will then begin to use Accelerated Reader where the children are assigned specific books which match their reading level. The children are constantly assessed using this programme and make fantastic progress as they travel through the school to Year 6.



Please can I politely remind parents about safe parking around both entrances to our school. I have had reports of parents parking on the chevron lines outside the school gates and this is posing a risk to our youngsters and their parents as they make their way to and from school. Please only park where it is safe and legal to do so.

As we head towards February and the skies begin to bring us longer daylight hours, we get ever nearer to approaching the time when we have to say farewell to our beloved Mrs Johnstone as she heads off for her maternity leave. I am sure that you will all join with me in wishing her well on this exciting new chapter of her life; we look forward to welcoming her back to us after the arrival of her beautifully baby. In the meantime, Mr Bibby will be Acting Deputy Headteacher and, whilst still having responsibility for teaching his Year 6 class, will be supporting me in the next phase of the development of our school. I am sure that you will join with me in congratulating him on his new role and will take a moment to say so when you next see him on the playground.

Best Wishes

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Headteacher