

Reading at St Joseph's Catholic Infant School

We are a **HAPPY** school.
We are a **LOVING** school.
We are all **SPECIAL IN GOD'S EYES**.
We **LOVE** to **LEARN TOGETHER**.
When we make **MISTAKES** we **ALL LEARN**.

"Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine.
Because you are precious in my eyes,
because you are honoured and I **love you**." Isaiah 43 : 2-5



**I am special in
God's eyes**

At St Joseph's we know that being able to read is key to being able to make good progress throughout education. We do not only teach children to read for success but aim to inspire a love of reading that endures and provides pleasure for years to come

Sharing the Joy of Stories



We devote daily time to reading and sharing carefully selected classic, modern and diverse stories with children. An adult modelling the art of reading is extremely important in helping children to develop a love of stories.

Read Write Inc Phonics Lessons



In these lessons we teach children the sounds they need to decode unknown words and the skills of blending these sounds together. Children are taught in groups by well trained adults who deliver the programme rigorously.

Shared & Guided Reading



These sessions help children develop many aspects of the reading process such as comprehension, fluency and expression. They promote enjoyable and successful experiences with reading.

Exploring Quality Texts

Writing lessons linked to quality texts.



In our writing lessons we use quality texts to help create a stimulus for our writing. We choose texts which stretch and extends children's reading ability and explore the context of these texts in detail.

Practising at Home

Library books and home reading books



Each week all children are able to bring a library book home to share and enjoy. From Reception, children start to bring home weekly reading materials that are directly linked to the sounds they have been learning in their phonic lessons.