

READING

At Belvoirdale, we believe that reading is at the heart of all learning and our aim is to engender a lifelong love of reading.

In order to do this, we work hard building a culture that promotes the love of reading that is embedded securely within our bespoke creative curriculum.

Our approach to early reading gives children the skills to improve their language and communication skills and become independent, fluent readers. We use Song of Sounds Phonics scheme and Big Cat Phonics books for children in EYFS and Key Stage 1.

Children are encouraged to read a wide variety of genres; they have access to a well-resourced and stimulating library; as well as engaging classroom reading corners. Our creative curriculum is linked directly to core books that thread themselves through everything that we teach. Our aim is that all children use a variety of different reading skills to enable them to access learning. These skills are taught in a variety of different ways, such as daily reading lessons using READ with D.E.R.I.C that focus on the core skills of decoding, explaining, retrieving, interpreting and choice. These skills are further supported at home using 'Reading Passports' that develop a more independent approach to reading. It is these strategies that support our children in the wider world by giving them the tools to become a responsible and happy citizen in an ever-changing society.

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