From first sounds to deep understanding

Reading: From Decoding to Interpretation

Building skilled, confident and thoughtful readers for life.

Decode
Understand
Analyse
Interpret

EYFS
Building the Foundations

Developing language, phonics and a love of reading
Learning to decode and make sense of print

- Communication and language development
- Storytelling, rhyme and rich texts
- Purposeful talk and vocabulary development
- Phonological awareness
- Systematic synthetic phonics
- Recognising letters and sounds
- Blending sounds to read words
- Developing automatic word recognition
- Reading for pleasure at the heart of the curriculum

Key Stage 1
Securing Core Knowledge

Building confidence and fluency as readers
Moving from decoding words to understanding meaning

- Phonics leads to fluent word reading
- Increasing accuracy, automaticity and expression
- Retrieving key information from texts
- Building a broad and growing vocabulary
- Understanding characters, settings and events
- Developing comprehension strategies
- Making simple inferences using evidence
- Discussing and responding to texts
- Reading widely and often

Key Stage 2
Extending and Applying

Becoming confident, independent and critical readers
Moving from comprehension to interpretation

- Reading fluency enables deeper comprehension
- Vocabulary breadth and depth continue to grow
- Making increasingly sophisticated inferences
- Analysing language, structure and authorial intent
- Comparing themes, viewpoints and perspectives
- Evaluating and justifying responses with evidence
- Interpreting texts in different ways
- Making meaningful connections across texts and the wider curriculum
- Discussing, debating and refining thinking

Planting the seeds of reading — *Growing understanding and confidence* — *From decoding words to interpreting meaning*

A coherent, cumulative reading curriculum building fluency, comprehension and interpretation at every stage.

> *When children can decode fluently, comprehend accurately and interpret thoughtfully, they are empowered to understand the world, appreciate different perspectives and become lifelong readers.*

Lifelong Readers. Brighter Futures.