

The 7 Areas of Reading at St Erth School

1. Prioritise Reading

Our intent is to develop a love of reading in all children at our school. We want every child to leave our school being able to read and know the styles of texts they enjoy. Through the early teaching of phonics and daily reading lessons, as well as story time, all will learn to read fluently and develop a love and enjoyment of stories & books.

2. Love of Reading

We introduce children to a variety of different texts (stories, poetry, rhymes, information) covering a broad range of themes by a range of authors. Adults support the children on their reading journeys. We talk about reading and share experiences and opinions to develop a shared love of reading, adding to our class libraries when we can.

3. Programme and Progress

Our bespoke Phonics Programme meets the National Curriculum criteria and links each phoneme to a high-quality text, nursery rhyme or song and extended provision for the day. It has clear progression and milestones and is ambitious allowing teachers to track where children are in their progress.

4. Books Match Sounds

School staff have worked very hard to match up all the books in our scheme to the phonemes that have been taught. We have invested, and will continue to, in books that can be independently decoded based on progression through our Phonics Scheme.

5. Phonics from the Start

Phonics teaching starts on the day children start school at St Erth. Children are taught phonics daily and directly as a whole class and then additional support given from the beginning. Our phonics scheme is progressive and systematic teaching common exception words alongside phonemes.

6. Catch up Quickly

Across the whole school, teachers continually assess and track where children are and are quick to intervene where necessary to close any gaps in phonics knowledge. Using our Phonics Scheme, assessments and interventions have been developed to support learning.

Please see our more detailed document about the seven areas of reading below—this is an overview.

7. Early Reading Experts

Highly trained staff are enthusiastic about reading and are supported to offer immediate and practical support to children at St Erth School.

