



Middlefield Primary Academy – Reading

The purpose of education at Middlefield Primary Academy is to develop each child to ‘be the best that they can be’ beyond learning at school. The aim is to nurture, inspire them and allow them to flourish with the opportunity to choose their own future!

Our belief is that reading underpins all areas of learning. The importance of reading in everyday life is immeasurable. It is estimated that we read several thousand words on average every day, and so it is vital that we prepare every child effectively for life beyond Middlefield. Therefore, our vision is that by the end of their time here at Middlefield, children will be fluent readers, having developed life-long reading habits and a love of reading and literature.

Reading allows children to be able to make sense of the world around them; it transports them to worlds they could never dream to visit physically; it broadens their vocabulary and linguistic skills which then impacts positively on their writing as well as their communication and oracy skills. Our mission is to provide a broad, culturally rich, thought-provoking, entertaining, emotionally enriching range of texts to engage children as readers and enrich their learning across the curriculum.

Domains of Knowledge (not exhaustive)

Fiction	Non-Fiction	Poetry
• Narrative • Myths and legends • Fairy tales • Traditional tales • Fantasy • Science fiction • Diary • Suspense and mystery • Adventure • Quest • Biography • Plays	• Recount • Chronological report • Non-chronological reports • Explanation texts • Instructions • Informal letters • Formal letters • Persuasive letters • Information texts • Persuasive writing • Historical recount • Newspaper writing • Speeches • Autobiographies • Biographies • Balanced arguments • Advertising	• Narrative poetry • Acrostic • Performance Poetry • Haiku • Kenning • Rhyming • Free Verse
		Drama
		• Play-writing

Key Concepts

Grammar	Word, singular, plural, sentence, text, phrase, noun, adjective, verb, adverb, pronoun, possessive pronoun, suffix, subordination, c-ordination, noun phrases, statement, question, exclamation, command, text, present tense, past tense, future, progressive, present perfect, compound, conjunction, preposition, paragraph, direct speech, indirect speech, clause, main clause, subordinate clause, possessive, verb inflections, Standard English, adverbial, fronted adverbial, cohesion/ cohesive device, ambiguity, article, determiner, relative clause, modal verb, independent clause, relative pronoun, synonym, antonym, passive (voice), active (voice), subjunctive
Spelling	Prefixes and suffixes, homophones, possessive apostrophe, regular plurals, irregular plurals, hyphenated words Vowel, consonant, subject, object, family of words, root words, etymology, phoneme, grapheme, split diagraph, syllable, trigraph
Punctuation	Capital letter, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark, comma, apostrophe, inverted commas, brackets, dashes, hyphen, parenthesis, ellipsis, semi-colon, colon, bullet point
Language techniques and elements of rhetoric	Vocabulary, synonym, antonym, descriptive language, language for effect adjective, verb, adverb, noun phrase, simile, metaphor, personification, Standard English, cohesive devices, dialogue, direct and indirect speech, alliteration, hyperbole, personification, rhetorical questions, assonance
Structure and layout	Structure: Setting, character, protagonist, antagonist, beginning, ending, problem, resolution, build-up, chronological, non-chronological, flashback, atmosphere, cohesion, plot points, chapter, cast list, scene Layout: Paragraph, heading, sub-heading, column, bullet, table, caption, list
Writing stages and sequences	Planning writing, story map, planning devices, oral rehearsal, draft, edit, analysing writing, proofread
Spoken Language	Listen, respond, relevant questions, vocabulary, descriptions, explanation, narratives, express feelings, speculating, hypothesising, imagining, exploring ideas, Standard English, discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations, debates, viewpoints