



The English Reading Curriculum Journey



“English at Alkerden: creativity, communication and critical thinking in action.”

How do readers use phonics?

How do readers understand stories?

How can non-fiction teach us?

How do poems and rhymes help readers?

How do readers explore different worlds?

How have we become independent readers?

What makes a story enjoyable?

International Literacy Day

What makes a great character?

What is different about story books and fact books?

Why is asking questions important when reading?

Why do poems rhyme?

How do stories take us to new places?

Which reading skills help us the most?

Why is it important to practise reading?

Assessment

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How does phonics help us read?

What do we think will happen next?

Why do stories have problems to solve?

How do headings and pictures help us?

Young Writers

Which words sound fun and exciting?
World Book Day

How can performing help us understand poems?

How are stories from around the world different?

Why do we connect with characters?

How can we recommend books to friends?

How has our reading improved this year?

How do pictures help us understand books?

How do authors make stories exciting?

What new facts can we learn from books?

How do poems paint pictures in our minds?

What can we learn from traditional tales?

Why is fluent reading important?

National Writing Day

Key subject skills this term:

Phase 5 Phonics Character Discussion
Decodable Reading Exception Words

Key subject skills this term:

Story Retelling Story Structure
Reading Expression Prediction

Key subject skills this term:

Vocabulary Decoding Text Features
Information Retrieval Questioning

Key subject skills this term:

Poetry Performance Fluency
Vocabulary Exploration Rhyme & Rhythm

Key subject skills this term:

Comparison Inference
Reading Fluency Discussion

Key subject skills this term:

Comprehension Punctuation
Accuracy Book Preferences

KI Kind

CO Collaborators

CM Communicators

TH Thinkers

SA Self-aware

GA Globally aware

CR Creators

OM Open minded

Year 1



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How do readers build fluency?

How do authors create meaning?

How can reading help us learn?

How does reading develop imagination?

How can readers think critically?

How have we become thoughtful readers?

Why is rereading important?
International Literacy Day

How does expression change a story?

What makes a fluent reader?

Why do authors choose powerful words?

What makes characters believable?

How do settings change stories?

How can readers find hidden clues in books?

What can we do when we get stuck on a word?

How do books help us learn new things?

Why is reading important in every subject?
National Storytelling Week

How do authors make stories exciting?

How do pictures and words work together?

Why do people enjoy different kinds of books?

What makes stories memorable?

World Book Day

How do diagrams and glossaries help readers?
Young Writers

How do readers know what is important?

How can we compare books and ideas?

What makes persuasive writing effective?

Why do authors write for different people?

Which reading skills are we most proud of?

How has reading helped us grow?

How can we help other people enjoy reading?

Why is reading important for life?

Key subject skills this term:

Automaticity
Self-monitoring

Prosody
Fluency

Key subject skills this term:

Inference
Vocabulary

Themes
Evidence

Key subject skills this term:

Text Comparison
Text Features

Summarising
Retrieval

Key subject skills this term:

Author Comparison
Prediction

Expression
Preferences

Key subject skills this term:

Author Purpose
Prediction

Expression
Preferences

Key subject skills this term:

Independent Reading
Book Discussion

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