

READING WEEK
Parent Evaluation – summary
November 2017

Thank you for completing the evaluations during our reading week. Here is a summary of the comments made. 90 responses were received

What did you find particularly useful or interesting about the reading lesson today?

- Enjoyed playing games to introduce the sounds
- Watching how the children learn
- Useful to learn how my child is learning to sound out the words and punctuate sentences
- The way the teacher engaged with the children and gave them a chance to participate
- Everything! All very informative and good to see how the children interact with the activities
- The way the children learn to sound the words – robot sounds
- Watching how interactive the reading is
- Seeing the phonics games and getting useful ideas
- Seeing all the games and activities the children do to help with reading and writing
- All of the lesson was really useful and has given me lots of ideas to help with reading
- Different ways to plan out words – liked the basket game with magnetic letters
- Using the games to learn reading words – it was a good refresher too
- Insight into what the children learn in class
- Useful to see the type of questions being asked in class
- It was nice to see the children working together
- Seeing what level of support should be given when helping my child
- Learning the way comprehension is done in school
- Liked how all the children engaged in the activity
- I found it helpful in reminding me that we need to check comprehension at all times in our reading
- Exploring how you teach reading in school
- I enjoy attending curriculum weeks as it is lovely to see the children learning and how they are taught
- Much fun listening to both the children and the parents read the characters
- Taking part in the play and helping the other children with the character profile
- Seeing how children are helped to develop the understanding of the story
- Completely different from what I expected and much more complex!
- Reading information on robots and pulling extracts to learn, interesting facts for children
- The interaction between children, teacher and smart board bringing all together to understand the work they are doing
- The enthusiasm of the children in offering answers
- The chance to observe the children and how they learn

- It was useful to see how the poetry was taught, the different methods used to dissect the poem and how Mr Haden showed the children how to answer the questions
- The use of word meaning, prediction, inference and retrieval in understanding sentences
- The structure of the session and the terminology used
- Always love spending time in lessons and it is helpful to see the prep for SATs
- The way comprehension can be taught in such a structured way
- Parents and grandparents were involved in the reading of the story
- It was interesting to see how the children were guided to use the correct terminology and to consider the use of expression when they are reading
- It was lovely to see the children joining in and see their understanding of text, such as speech bubbles
- The children were very interested in the story and loved joining in
- It was nice to see the different methods of teaching the spellings on the interactive board
- It is nice to see what happens in class and to be part of it
- Seeing how the class learn especially different techniques for analysing the text
- Knowing how you look into the words to understand what you are reading
- The children were very engaged

How do you think it might help you to support your child with their reading at home?

- We were given lots of ideas to use at home. It showed me how the simple games are the best
- Using some of the ideas at home
- It will help a lot because of the skill of the interaction by the teacher
- Knowing that we are teaching the same way at home – feel we will be able to adapt some of the ideas at home
- It will be a lot easier reading at home now
- This will help in making it more fun at home – it has given me lots of ideas
- New ideas for reading at home which are more interactive than just pen and paper
- Ideas to make reading fun at home
- So we can talk through the text first
- Reading the text together before trying to answer questions
- Ensuring that I ask appropriate questions to ensure my child's understanding
- I have more of an idea what to talk to my child about when reading at home
- Help with character descriptions
- I saw that my child was more capable than I knew
- Learnt some new techniques and understand more how my child learns in class
- Asking my child to explain her reading book instead of just correcting her reading
- It is helpful to know how they are taught reading comprehension at school so that we can follow through at home
- I will be able to use the same techniques at home

- Making reading exciting
- Using different voices when reading at home to make it more fun
- The new way of spelling with the log book I find it a lot easier for them to learn their spellings
- I learned about possessive apostrophes which will help me to help my child

Is there anything else you feel you might find useful to know or would like to find out more about to support your child with their reading?

- Just lots of encouragement to continue with it
- Yes it would be really helpful if we had more reading lessons to join in with
- More ideas for games at home
- Just the on going support we already get
- How he is with concentration in class and how to keep a boy's concentration
- No thank you – going to start on the SATs books this weekend!
- No, I am comfortable we know what we are doing now and the lesson has helped
- More practice questions for weekends and holidays
- A list or handout for what to discuss with children for fiction and non fiction
- Always a pleasure coming into class
- No, this was really helpful and useful
- No, thank you for a fun lesson
- I also went to the parent reading workshop with Mrs Green today and it was really useful
- Keeping up to date with these techniques
- No, a very much appreciated opportunity
- It is useful to attend sessions like this
- Comprehension is what my child struggles with and so more as homework would be good
- I didn't know that the questions would be broken down so the children could understand what was being taught
- No, always enjoy being part of the lesson
- More homework on reading comprehension
- I have enjoyed the reading and could also do this at home
- No, you are doing a fabulous job
- No, to just enjoy reading
- No, I think it is fine the way it is at school and at home
- Nothing. Thank you for this opportunity it's great to have the chance to come into school and take part on my child's learning
- We need to find time at home to read more – this is something I need to work on as a parent

Summary of children's reading habits outside school [number of responses in bold – not every parent answered every question]–

- **What kind of books does your child enjoy reading at home?**

Fiction/story books **68** Factual books **38** Comics/magazines **30** no particular preference **6**

How often does your child read/look at a book of their own choosing [not a school reading book]

Daily **37** More than three times a week **25** Once a week **14** Less than once a week **3**

Is your child a member of a local library?

Yes **67** No **17**

Is there anything else you feel that we could do in school to encourage children with their reading and a love of books?

- A trip to the library to help us as parents encourage the idea of borrowing
- Provide a wider range of books
 - a. *School response* – as funds allow we always try to renew reading resources. This year we have invested in new reading comprehension materials which parents attending reading week will have seen being taught. This means that all children have a reading lesson every day.
- All very positive thank you
- Acting out books
- Maybe bring their favourite books in to talk about
- More football/sport books
- Change reading books more often. My child enjoys story books rather than factual books
- More reading challenges, like at the library in the summer, although don't like the raffle tickets as it is introducing gambling to children
- Getting the children to make a book themselves
- Lots of interesting books with excitement!
- Introducing a book club
- Thank you – it was an interesting lesson
- Maybe a book club or an opportunity to bring books from home and talk about them in class
- Visiting the library as a class
 - a. *School response* – this is an activity we hope to take part in during this school year
- Keep up with all the good work you do
- A show and tell session from time to time to allow children to encourage others in the class to try new authors and texts
- No, there is lots of incentives at present
- Pantomime trip to bring it to life perhaps!
 - a. *School response* – as usual all children in school will attend the annual school pantomime which takes place in school. This performance is by a theatre company and is usually great fun!
- Use the resources at the local library
- Greater variety of texts for home school reading
- No, you are doing fantastic

Thank you
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