



## **Children at Girton Glebe Primary School learn to:**

- read fluently, with confidence and good understanding
- develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information

## **Classroom Teaching Practice:**

- Each class reads a different text each half-term (linked to their topic where possible) and bases their writing around this text. Texts include a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.
- Guided reading is taught daily, either whole-class or in groups, and focuses on the skills of summarising, predicting, questioning and clarifying. Follow-up work is differentiated and a range of follow up activities are used. Where possible, guided reading texts link to topic and English work.
- Time for children to read for pleasure and use the library is timetabled as part of guided reading.
- Age-appropriate reading lists and book suggestions are displayed in each classroom to guide children to read appropriately challenging texts. Teachers may set reading challenges from these lists.
- Reading records are regularly checked and commented in by teaching staff and good examples are rewarded and celebrated in class.

## **Home Reading Policy:**

- Children are expected to read regularly and keep a reading record of their home-reading. Children read at home daily for at least 10 minutes and sign their records each night, commenting on what they have read. Children in KS2 are expected to summarise, predict or clarify in their comments.
- Parents are encouraged to read with their children regularly at home and sign reading records at least once a week.

## **How we promote a love of reading:**

- Each class has a dedicated reading area, used regularly to encourage reading for pleasure. These areas include a range of novels, newspapers, magazines, leaflets etc. and children have free choice over their reading.
- Teachers provide children with a range of language-rich fiction and non-fiction texts in lessons and instil in children a passion for reading for pleasure by discussing and displaying their own current reading choice.
- Time is allocated regularly for reading a class novel for pleasure.
- A whole-school novel is read aloud weekly in assembly to promote the joy of reading.