

Reading at Longhorsley

A child's reading skills are so important to their success in school as they will allow them to access the breadth of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills.

At Longhorsley C of E Aided First School, we understand how wonderful it is for children to discover that reading is the key to open the door to a whole new world of imagination. Our children are encouraged to read regularly and to achieve their Reading Challenge each week. Authors and storytellers are invited into school when the opportunity arises to inspire a love of literature. We invite parents to come in and share their favourite stories with the children too.

Our reading scheme is called PM, standing for 'Progression for Meaning' and this is the largest and most finely levelled reading programme in the UK, with a pedagogically sound, proven approach to making every child a successful, balanced reader.

The PM collection contains over 1000 carefully levelled fiction and non-fiction texts, organised by series strand and by colour band. It is based on the children's reading ages to ensure the best match to aid reading progress through the 30 levels. In addition, we have also bought a range of books specifically to support and stretch all of our children.

During the transition from our old reading scheme, which was based on national curriculum levels, to our new books based on reading ages, we will be ensuring that the children have books that they not only enjoy reading but that are accurately matched to their individual needs.

Further information on PM books can be found at <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/pm>