



# Meersbrook Bank Primary School

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## Phonics & Early Reading Parent Meetings

Dear Reception & Year 1 Parents and Carers,

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum offer here at Meersbrook Bank School and we are committed to ensuring every child receives the very best experience when learning to read.

In our school, we:

- Teach a highly structured synthetic phonics programme (Read Write Inc.)
- Ensure cumulative progression of sounds and books which are closely matched to these.
- Build a team of expert reading staff through regular training and monitoring
- Reach the lowest 20% pupils (compared to national standards) with one to one tutoring
- Have two dedicated Reading Leaders (Mrs Crawshaw in KSI and Mrs Williamson in KS2)



In addition to the teaching of reading we also

- Insist that teachers have an excellent knowledge of children's texts
- Have created a progressive reading spine of high quality texts, including poetry which runs from Nursery to Year 6
- Know our children as readers
- Are committed to reading for pleasure by reading aloud every day; holding informal book talk and recommendations; quiet reading time; creating book rich environments

As part of our commitment to excellence in reading we are holding two early reading workshops for parents; a face to face one in the morning and one afterschool via zoom. Both sessions are the same so you would only need to attend one.

**The evening workshop will run on zoom at 5.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October.**

**The morning workshop will begin at 9am in the school hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October.**

If you are the parent of a Year 1 child and attended last year when your child was in reception, the content is the same so please do not feel you need to attend.

I very much hope you are able to attend and look forward to giving you information about our approach to reading and how you can support this exciting part of your child's journey into reading at home.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs B. Crawshaw  
KSI Reading Leader

