

## Why is reading important at Oasis Academy Putney?

At Oasis Academy Putney, we place reading books at the centre of our curriculum as people who enjoy reading achieve highly at the centre of the curriculum. Developing a love for reading is one of the most effective ways we can create a love for learning and raise attainment.

We aim for all pupils to enjoy reading for pleasure. Promoting a love for reading sets pupils up as readers for life, with all the accompanying benefits that follow. Being able to read well is a key life skill for pupils, whatever their background and every pupil deserves the chance to become a reader and have a lifetime of enjoyment.

We believe that reading is a passport to the world. The benefits of reading go beyond the opportunities offered by being well-read with a good command of English. Reading opens pupils up to ideas, experiences, places and times they might never otherwise experience in real life. Reading for pleasure helps us to enhance opportunities to learn about a multitude of ideas that may not be covered by a school curriculum.

## What is our vision for Reading at Oasis Academy Putney?

Central to learning is creating a life-long love of reading and books. At Oasis Academy Putney, it is our belief that every child should be able to read for pleasure and to a high standard. We want to develop our pupils' imagination and for them to be curious about the world in which we live. Through reading, children have the opportunity to develop culturally, socially and emotionally as well as reaping the benefits academically.

We believe that every pupil should be given the tools to develop into an enthusiastic and confident reader both at home and at school.



## How is Reading taught at Oasis Academy Putney?

Every pupil is taught a range of strategies to support their development to become a confident, independent reader. In the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, we teach phonics through Letters and Sounds daily which enables pupils to segment and decode words. Once the pupils have learnt how to read, they can learn to comprehend and understand the text they are reading.

At Oasis Academy Putney, we teach reading through Literacy Leaves from the Literacy Tree. Literacy Leaves immerse children in a literary world, therefore creating strong levels of engagement to provide a meaningful and authentic context for primary English. Pupils become critical readers and acquire an authorial style as they encounter a wide range of significant authors and a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

## What do children think about Reading at Oasis Academy Putney?

"You can read all about monsters and dinosaurs."

**Reception child**

"I love reading because fun things always happen when we read a book like when the beast left footprints in the classroom."

**Year 1 child**

"Reading is fun because you can learn all about the characters in the story."

**Year 2 child**

"I like reading lessons because my teacher always makes the lessons fun like when we got to have afternoon tea and went to the circus."

**Year 3 child**

"I love all the writing we get to do based on a text. It really helps my writing"

**Year 4 child**