

## Weoley Castle Nursery School

### Reading & Core Books

At Weoley Castle Nursery School we strive to support children to develop a life-long love of reading, igniting their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. We know that language comprehension starts from birth and develops when children are in a language rich environment and when adults and children share stories and non-fiction books and enjoy rhymes, poems and songs and talk about them together. We know that children's spoken language underpins all areas of learning and development and the quality and quantity of interactions are crucial. Reading frequently to children and actively engaging them in stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and then providing them with extensive opportunities to use and embed new words in a range of contexts gives children the opportunities to thrive; encouraging conversation, story-telling and role play.

In order to support this, we have chosen several 'core books' for both age groups that have been selected with a broad and varied curriculum in mind, they are designed to be age appropriate, engaging, depict diversity and reflect our nursery community and curriculum intent. Our 'core book' programme has been designed to be sequential and the content in terms of language, understanding and concepts moves on progressively throughout the six half terms. We have also given great thought to the availability of high-quality supporting material that run alongside our books which enhance our teaching and learning experiences and enable parents to engage at home, which we direct them to.

As part of our continuous provision, adults are always available to children to read stories and non-fiction texts to them and interact alongside them; the 'core books' are always freely available within the environment and in the book corner, alongside appropriate supporting resources for re-telling stories independently, role-playing and exploring holistically. We are continually looking to create more and more opportunities for adults to read to children as it is such a huge priority for us.

#### Weoley Castle Nursery School ensures that:

- 1. Every child will own at least one book.** We gift all of our pupils a book during the first term and then we ensure all pupils receive the 'Bookstart Birmingham' pack. We will also order the 'dual language' resources for those families that would like these.
- 2. Every child will be a member of our nursery library.** Our nursery library is available to all children and they are able to take home a different book each week to share at home.
- 3. Every child will visit the local library.** We visit the local library regularly to read and access specialist story-telling. We ask parents to visit with us and encourage families to join up to the library service.

During the autumn term, our children will all experience a visit from a theatre company who perform a fairy tale such as 'The Three Little Pigs' or 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.'