



# Bishop David Sheppard

## CE Primary School

Following Jesus, together we succeed

At Bishop David Sheppard school, we believe that reading is one of life's greatest pleasures and we strive to support all of our children to become life-long readers. A big thank you to all of the children in KS1 and KS2 for completing our reading questionnaire. You answered the questions honestly and with a great deal of consideration.

For us to provide the best possible support for you as readers, it is important to hear what you have to say. Over the last few weeks, we have considered what you had to say and have made a few changes to make your reading experience more effective and enjoyable.

<b>You said...</b>	<b>We did...</b>
<p>Many of you said that you'd like a more comfortable place to sit and read in school.</p>	<p>We have performed a 'mini makeover' in the library. Comfy, leather chairs have been donated to school and we have furnished them with soft throws and cushions for you to enjoy. Little reading nooks have been created and soft lighting, providing a calm and cosy place to read.</p>
<p>Lots of you asked for more choice in the books we have in school</p>	<p>The teachers have liaised closely with Waterstones and LoveReading4Kids official reading chart to purchase many of the most recent titles that are top of the reading charts. We have also purchased additional classics and non-fiction books to widen your choice. A number of new books has been added to every class library and are available to borrow or read in school. A subscription to The Week Junior and National Geographic for Kids has been made. These magazines are to be available in the library and in KS 2 classes.</p>
<p>Many of you wanted a wider choice of books within the school reading scheme.</p>	<p>We have purchased more titles from ORT to widen breadth and depth. A new set of books called <i>Word Sparks</i> which champion diversity and inclusion has been added to the first 8 levels of the scheme. Additional traditional tales titles and non-fiction have also been added.</p>

	<p>Books that have been lost or damaged have been replaced using the fines that have been paid.</p> <p>Further books for KS2 are on order. In particular, Project X has been mentioned by some pupils. We are hoping to order more titles in this range.</p>
<p>Many of you expressed upset at the thought of reading damaged/dirty books</p>	<p>Your teachers remind you regularly how to care for books.</p> <p>You should carry your books in a book bag and NOT in a rucksack next to your water bottle!</p> <p>Damaged books are removed from the shelves and the fines that are paid are used to replace them.</p>
<p>Overwhelmingly, children from all year groups expressed a love of hearing their parents/carers read to them.</p> <p>Many children in KS2 were sad that they no longer get to 'snuggle' up to their folks to share a book.</p>	<p>We are letting your special adults know this by publishing the results of your questionnaire!</p> <p><b><u>'There is no APP to replace your lap.'</u></b></p>
<p>Specific genres were mentioned by children who felt that their preferences weren't well catered for in school.</p>	<p>We liaised with Waterstones to find the best titles/series that suited your requests. These have been personally delivered to specific children and advertised in classes for children to share and enjoy.</p>
<p>Lots of you mentioned wanting more time to read at your leisure in school.</p>	<p>We have opened and staffed the library at break times and lunchtimes for those who wish to read.</p> <p>The library is now open after school for you to share with your parents/carers. A timetable has been published</p>
<p>After consulting with a number of children outside of the questionnaire, you said that you felt the reading competition needed a better 'prize' for the winners.</p>	<p>We thought long and hard about this and felt that the winning class should send representatives to Broadhursts of Southport book shop with Mrs Bayliff and Mrs Clarkson to choose some new books for your class library.</p> <p>The representatives should be selected from the children who have been picked as reader of the week.</p>
<p>KS2 - 98% of you said that you read independently to learn new things or because you enjoy or love reading.</p>	<p>We celebrated!</p> 