

Reading is an integral part of any and all future educational success. At AJK we want every child to leave primary a fluent, confident reader with a love of reading! We teach and assess reading in a variety of ways. If you would like any support for your child's reading journey, email primary.reading@arkjohnkeatsacademy.org.

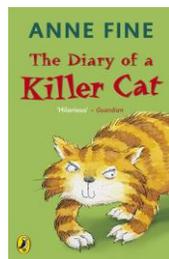
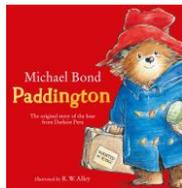
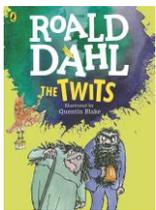
Phonics

AJK follows the Read Write Inc. phonics programme in line with the ARK network. In Nursery, we use letters and sounds to prepare scholars to start formal phonics teaching in Reception. Scholars will then receive an hour a day of phonics teaching. We work on segmenting words into their component sounds and then blend them together.

KS1 Reading

As well as an hour a day of discrete phonics teaching, scholars in Year 2 receive daily 30 minute reading lessons. Here they focus on a class novel and work towards written answers of comprehension questions.

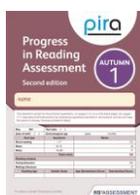
Some of the texts that they will look at include:



PIRA Tests

Each term, scholars complete a PIRA test which is standardised across the ARK network in Years 2 – 6. Scholars will be faced with three text types – typically a fiction, non-fiction and poetry – and will answer questions based on three reading domains. The domains are categorised as 'comprehension', 'inference' and 'language, structure and presentation'.

These help teachers to plan extra support for scholars in their reading lessons, and allow us to see if scholars are working in line with age expectations.



KS2 Reading

From Years 3 to 6, scholars receive daily 30 minute reading lessons. These focus around a class novel and follow a five day structure.

Day 1: Vocabulary

Day 2: Sequencing and summarising

Day 3: Developing Inference

Day 4: Independent Interpretation.

Day 5: Retrieval Practice



National Statutory Tests

In Years 2 and 6, our scholars complete the national SATs tests in reading.

Scholars are prepared for these tests with frequent, low-stakes quizzing which allows for a greater awareness of test-style questions. In addition to this, in Year 6 they experience the reading paper through various mock-SATs weeks.

At the end of Year 5, scholars will complete a past paper which provides a baseline for the year. Scholars will then complete two more papers over the next two terms. The results from these papers will be comparable across the ARK network with question-level analysis provided.

Home Reading

It is important for our scholars to practise reading at home for a little bit each day. This may look like reading with an adult or reading to an adult. They take home a selection of books to support them with this.

In Year 1, scholars take home a text in line with their current phonics learning and a reading for pleasure book. In Year 2, scholars will select a reading for pleasure book and a colour-banded book which is in line with their current reading ability.

In KS2, scholars take a novel from the class libraries that they have selected. Teachers support scholars to choose age-appropriate texts that they will enjoy!

