

St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School – Reading strategy

At St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School, we have a clear reading intervention and whole school literacy strategy incorporating a number of approaches. We use NGRT testing data and English reading skills assessments in KS3 to identify the students who would benefit from reading intervention. Student progress is then checked through further NGRT data and KS3 English assessments at different stages throughout the year.

SEN Literacy Support - SENCO and SEND Team

- Students receive two waves of Literacy interventions within SEN, Core literacy and Next steps literacy.
- Core literacy focuses on basic literacy skills, including phonics if required.
- Next steps focuses on more complex skills, such as inference, complex sentences and spelling patterns.
- Each group receives an individualised package based on their initial assessments.
- Progress is tracked and measured using Salford Reading and Vernon spelling tests. Interventions are carried out by Michelle Parsons and Morag Pirie.
- LEXIA is used in tutor time sessions to further support SEN students with literacy.
- Targeted reading intervention – PBO and JGA
- KS3 students complete NGRT literacy assessments in English lessons over 1 lesson as the test takes between 30 minutes to an hour depending on student ability. Students with a deficit of 10 or more standardised points between word recognition and reading comprehension are given targeted reading intervention with English teachers.
- These interventions consist of 12 – 1 hour sessions spanning two terms across the school year. The sessions focus on reading skills such as reading for meaning, inference and implied meaning. Impact is measured through work produced in booklets and the testing mentioned earlier.

Library – JGA and PBO

- Julia Garmston is our school librarian, and she has created a well-stocked, diverse selection of books that fully cater to all the interests of our school population. This approach to reading is supported by our eBooks platform.
- Reading interventions in small groups of 6-7 students, take place with Julia in the library to support students in Year 7 and 8 who require extra support with reading. These interventions consist of 6-7 1-hour sessions where students read aloud, discuss books and answer comprehension questions on the books they have read.

Reading and Oracy Support – PBO with JGA

- Year 7 students work with Sixth Form students in 1:1 paired reading sessions that take place once a week during Term 2-5. In these sessions, students are paired with a regular Sixth Form partner where they read their book out loud for 10 minutes, they then discuss their book with their Sixth Form partner. Year 7 students then write up

what they have done in reading logs, with their Sixth Form partners finally checking what they have written for any SPAG errors.

- These students are identified by NGRT and English teacher referral. Their progress is also tracked by further NGRT tests. All Sixth Form reading partners are trained by Mr Boswell and Mrs Garmston.
- Promoting a joy of reading – PBO, JGA and BEV
- Whole school literacy and reading is promoted through silent reading of tutor time reading books once a week. Each year group reads three books over the course of the year; these sessions consist of 20 minutes reading and 5 minutes of oracy tasks based on the class reader
- KS3 classes also read for 15 minutes at the start of each English lesson.
- We also have an oracy session once a week for 25 minutes in tutor time which focuses on discussion skills.
- We have a number of celebration events where poets and writers come in for workshops.
- Participation in the Bristol Teen Book Awards and the Year 7 Book fair in Term 1, student librarians and a suggestion box – so students are choosing their own reading for pleasure books – all books bought unless too expensive or inappropriate.
- Themed book displays, magazine subscriptions (6 titles) are available in the library to support lessons and for fun
- We have termly poetry competitions based on a theme where students read out their poems in the library and are rewarded with vouchers and books as prizes.
- In addition to this we have a word of the week, poem of the fortnight, books of the month for KS3 and KS4, reading assemblies and a Spelling Bee competition in Term 6.