



Reading Intent

Today a reader, tomorrow a leader – Margaret Fuller

At Cranbrook, we want our children to build a **life-long love for reading** by exploring their curiosity through **memorable learning experiences**. Reading at Cranbrook **widens pupils' horizons**, stimulates their imagination and develops their understanding of the world. We begin the process of learning to read in the Early Years Foundation Stage, where we believe that the systematic teaching of phonics is the fastest and most effective way of enabling young children to start reading. We aim to expose our children to an ever widening range of culturally diverse, classic and modern texts to develop **critical thinking skills and resilience** in learning. Research shows that reading ability is one of the most important indicators of success in later life. We enable our children to become **confident and articulate communicators** by enriching their vocabulary using a range of high quality texts. We equip our children with the phonic skills to decode words and by the end of Key Stage 2 (KS2), our pupils leave our school as independent readers with a passion for reading, well prepared to tackle the next stage of their educational journey. We aspire for our children to appreciate the power of reading and we have a strong focus on this within our school.