

Active Literacy in P4-7

The Active Literacy reading program for P4-7 involves the teaching of reading strategies which develop the pupils' comprehension skills. All Primary 4-7 classes will begin each new session with a whole class novel study. The strategies will then be used by the teachers throughout the year to teach reading skills through the core reading scheme books. Another novel study will be completed in April and a class study of a non fiction text will be undertaken in January. Reading activities will be undertaken three times per week.

The reading strategies are as follows:

Strategy 1 - Metacognition (Using prior knowledge about the subject or content)

Strategy 2 - Metalinguistic (thinking about the words and phrases used to develop knowledge)

Strategy 3 - Visualisation (Creating images e.g. mindmaps, timelines)

Strategy 4 - Inferences (Discussing the text and what can be learned from it)

Strategy 5 - Main Ideas (Discussing and writing about the main ideas gathered from the whole text)

Strategy 6 - Summarising (Combining information to show understanding of parts of the text)

Homework

During the time that classes will be undertaking whole class book studies no set reading homework will be given relating to the books being studied. During these times each pupil will be asked to choose a book to read for personal reading, either from the school library or from home. This links to the Curriculum for Excellence Outcome : Enjoyment and Choice. Parents/carers are asked to regularly discuss their child's chosen book with them and read excerpts as they will be asked to give either regular updates about their book, complete a book study or present a short talk about their book to their peers.

Once the reading schemes have been re-established and reading groups formed, reading activities will take place three times per week and each group's reading will be taught at least twice per week in Primaries 4-6 and at least once per week in Primary 7. A reading homework task relating to reading taught in class will be issued on a weekly basis.

Spelling and maths homework will be given on a weekly basis. Unfinished classwork may be sent home for completion in addition to set homework.

Please sign all written homework to let us know that you have seen it. Thank you.