

St. Mary's R.C.
Primary School



Across school we use the Oxford Reading Tree scheme with all of the children from Stage 1 up to Stage 20. We have a range of collections from ORT within the scheme including: Project X, inFact, Story Sparks, Tree Tops, Classics, Time Chronicles, Chucklers etc.

Project X texts were purchased in order to particularly encourage the boys reading across the school as this was a recognised area for development. Having completed Pupil Voice questionnaires it became clear that there wasn't a broad enough range of texts available for the children to read and explore. Due to this we purchased sets of information texts and story books to encourage the children to develop and enhance their reading skills, and also to encourage them to read for pleasure.

After reading sessions with staff in school the children are given a Reading Activity book to take home with them, in this book they are asked to complete an activity from the grid that is provided within the book.

To assess the children's reading age we use the Salford Reading Test. After the assessment is carried out the results are collated and intervention sessions are timetabled for those children falling below their chronological reading age. To supplement this we introduced an ORT Reading Express intervention. This is a 10 week intervention programme designed to significantly improve the reading ages of children from years 3-6. We also carry out verbal assessments with the children as well as using written ORT assessments within reading sessions.