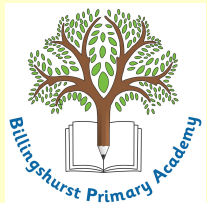


# **KS2 Reading Fluency Workshop**

1. Why is reading fluency important?
2. Our approach to reading fluency.
3. How you can help at home.

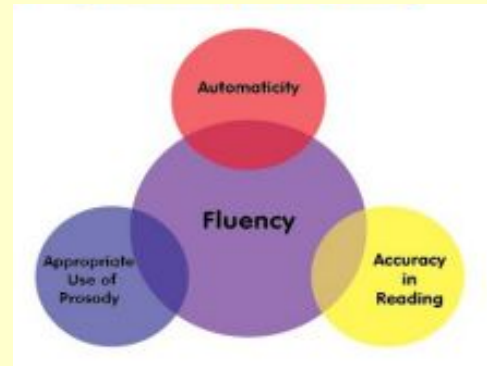


# What is fluency?

Fluent reading is defined as accurate reading of a text, at a conversational rate with appropriate prosody.

Fluent reading involves:

**accuracy, automaticity and prosody**



# 1. Why is fluency important?

A fluent reader can process what they are reading and take meaning from it.

With fluency, motivation and enjoyment increases.

If children are not fluent readers, they will not be able to understand what they have read or read with speed.

# Why teach fluency?

Phonics gives children the skills to decode.

Decoding enables children to read fluently which **allows children to achieve the ultimate aim, which is to derive meaning from text.**

In order to develop children's reading fluency, they need to do lots of reading practice.

We give children this practice through daily reading lessons.

## 2. Our approach to teaching fluency:

To improve their fluency, children repeatedly read a short, carefully selected text aloud.

We **pre-teach key new vocabulary (pictures/ in sentences)** that the children will be unfamiliar with, including meaning and pronunciation.

The teacher models reading the text fluently (x2) and then discusses additional unfamiliar vocabulary.

The **children will then read in pairs**, following along and supporting each other with any tricky words. They will each read the text at least twice. Teachers will circulate to hear readers.

As we read to gain understanding, we use questioning throughout the lesson to gain a picture of what children have understood from the text.

At the end of the lesson, children may volunteer to read to the class to demonstrate their fluency.

## **Extended Reading**

- read and engage with longer extracts of text
- develop fluency, word, contextual text knowledge

## **Close Reading**

- analysis of a short text or extract
- develop fluency, word, contextual text knowledge

## **Shared Reading**

Daily class read to development of listening comprehension, word knowledge, background knowledge, reading enjoyment

### 3. How you can help at home

- Daily reading with your children: hearing them read and reading to them. This may look like:

Sharing a new book; rereading a favourite book; you model reading a page/paragraph and they reread that to you.

- Discussing new vocabulary
- Asking questions to gauge their understanding of what they have read
- Shared enjoyment of what you have read!