

# The Hills Academy – building a love of reading



At The Hills Academy we strive to create a culture of children who love to read not only to support their learning but for pleasure too.

We believe that reading is an important skill that allows our children to thrive to be the best that they can be in all areas of their learning and lives. Reading is planned into the English curriculum through phonics in EYFS-Year 1 &2, guided reading sessions, 'stop, drop and read' time and class stories.

We also believe that reading should be something that can inspire children's interests and imagination as well as a hobby that can provide enjoyment, relaxation and happiness.

## Some of the ways we encourage a love of reading include:

Book exchange on the playground where children and their families can donate and swap books to read at home.

Library visits built into the weekly timetable where children can choose a book of their choice to read for pleasure.

Celebrating books by participating in World Book Day and the travelling book fair.

Providing a range of books for all abilities to practice reading skills with new books recently funded by the PTA community.