

Whiteheath Junior School Reading Buddies

Reading Buddies is a programme in our school in which a year 5 or 6 pupil is paired with a Year 3 pupil to read together. All of our reading buddies will receive training that will include reading coaching skills and strategies along with how to keep a set of reading records.

A Reading Buddies program can help model good reading and promote an enjoyment of reading from an early age. As with any skill, reading needs to be practiced on a regular basis and with this practice as well as modelling, everyone taking part can improve their own skills. Reading buddies will spend time with their reading partners listening to them read, supporting them when they find some words difficult, talking about the books that they have read and asking them questions.

Year 6 children will read with their year 3 buddy during autumn term and summer term.

Year 5 children will read with their year 3 buddy during spring term.

A Reading Buddy needs to be:

- Committed to the programme and support our youngest readers.
- Be positive role models in order to encourage our youngest readers to want to succeed with their reading.
- Supportive of the needs of others and support our school values.

In the box below, write about how you could support a younger reader, and why you would make a great reading buddy.