Federation of Beckwithshaw, Kettlesing Felliscliffe and Ripley Endowed CE Primary Schools

Growing Together, Guided by Love

National Year of Reading at RBK Federation

"This year, we're bringing reading closer to culture."

What is the National Year of Reading?

The National Year of Reading is a campaign called 'Go All In' that aims to encourage children and young people to enjoy reading, addressing the decline in reading for pleasure. Only one in three 8–18-year-olds currently enjoy reading in their spare time, with teenage boys particularly affected. The campaign highlights the benefits of reading, including improved writing skills, wellbeing, confidence, creativity and imagination. It also aims to tackle reading inequalities, helping more children develop the skills they need to reach their full potential, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds and children with special educational needs.

"Together, we can build confident, curious readers in every classroom, school library and early years setting across the UK."

What RBK have implemented

In response to the National Year of Reading and its 'Go All In' campaign, our federation has implemented a range of initiatives to foster a strong, sustainable culture of reading for pleasure across all our schools. Through launch events and staff webinars, we have united colleagues around a shared vision, with all staff acting as reading champions and promoting reading as an enjoyable and valued part of everyday school life. Our approach includes federation-wide and whole-school initiatives such as Drop Everything and Read sessions, themed reading weeks, reading buddies, local author visits and a partnership with Bilton Library. We celebrate the joy of reading through newsletters, story sharing during celebration assemblies, daily conversations about books and regular recommendations. We have also enhanced our reading spaces with engaging, high-quality texts and developed inviting early years environments featuring storytelling corners and puppets, alongside high-quality daily story time. Every adult is encouraged to be a visible reader, with 'Our [Name] Is Reading' posters displayed on classroom doors to share and celebrate reading role models. Importantly, we are embedding reading across the curriculum, ensuring that pupils experience its value in every subject and recognise reading as a lifelong source of enjoyment, learning and discovery.











