

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School



Reading Plus Case Study 2017-2018

This case study showcases the impact Reading Plus has had within the school and demonstrates the correlation between the use of the program and the improvement of SATs performance.

Mrs Michelle Ravey, Headteacher at Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School, explains how assessing each individual at the outset meant they could evidence the impact of Reading Plus.

"After completing the Reading Plus Baseline Assessment, we were shocked at how low our Year 6 pupils' reading speed was. The staff at Reading Plus were so reassuring and reminded us that daily use of Reading Plus for every child would improve this dramatically and they were so right. **Within two weeks we could see the difference and could track this online using the invaluable Reading Plus reports.** The first one we concentrated on was the Screening Report which clearly outlined where our children were for their comprehension, vocabulary and reading rate. This was an excellent baseline.

"We were informed that in order to have the stamina to get through the Year 6 reading SAT that our children needed to have a reading rate of 160 words per minute. Some of our children in the initial baseline were reading at 80 words per minute. **Never had we used such an accurate tool to assess this before.** Throughout our time using Reading Plus, all of the reports have been instrumental at moving our children on with their reading progress and attainment.

"As you can see from the results overleaf, **there has been a successful improvement in our results at the end of Key Stage Two for reading.** We started Reading Plus in September 2017. Our Year 6 class previous to Reading Plus really struggled with their reading stamina and fluency. Over 80% of the class struggled to get through a whole reading test, as they were not fluent enough readers. Our teachers were doing everything that they could to improve this; but they knew it wasn't enough.

"**We were delighted with our end of year results for reading at the end of KS2 and we strongly believe that Reading Plus played such an important role in making this happen.** We purchased devices for every Year 6 child to take home so that they could complete Reading Plus online as homework. Our children absolutely love Reading Plus, there is so much variety in the texts the children can choose to read and there is a wealth of different genres. Our boys especially are really engaged."

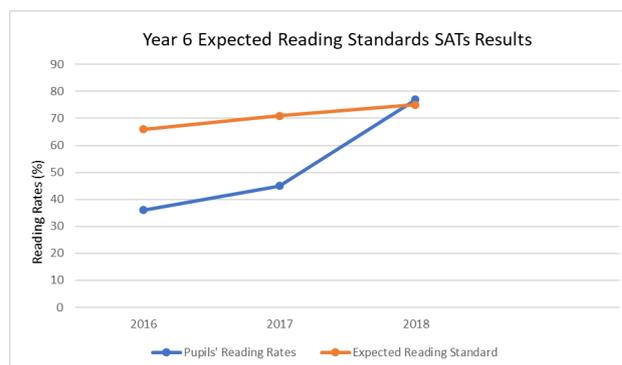


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The results for Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School:

2016

In 2016, 36% of the Year 6 cohort met the expected standard in their SATs for Reading. This was compared to national, which was 66% for Reading. Within the cohort, 4% of the pupils achieved greater depth, compared to national which was 19%. The progress scores from key stage one to key stage two were -5.9 for reading. The average scaled score for reading was 97.



2017

In 2017, 45% of the Year 6 cohort met the expected standard in their SATs for Reading. This was compared to national, which was 71% for Reading. The progress scores from key stage one to key stage two were -2.1 for reading. The average scaled score for reading was 99.

2018

In 2018, 77% of the Year 6 cohort met the expected standard in their SATs for Reading. This was compared to national, which was 75% for Reading. In addition, 35% of the Year 6 pupils achieved greater depth in 2018 compared to national which was 28%. The progress scores from key stage one to key stage two were 3.2 for reading. The average scaled score for reading was 106 compared to national, which was 105.

What the children think...

"Reading Plus is so much fun – you have so much choice."

"Reading Plus has helped me really improve my reading speed this year. I have a reading rate of 195 now and Reading Plus and my Kindle Fire has really helped me to achieve this."

...and Holy Spirit teachers

"Each morning our Year 6 complete Reading Plus for half an hour. It has been amazing to see their improvement and the joy that this program has brought to each and every one of them. I have enjoyed supporting them with it."

"We are so pleased with our Year 6 this year with their reading and we owe so much to Reading Plus. It has massively improved our children's reading stamina and fluency. This was the first year ever that all of our children had the chance to get to the third section of their reading SAT. It is well worth the investment for all schools."

"It is July and we have already started Reading Plus with our Year 5 class in preparation for Year 6. We know it will make an amazing difference."