

KS2 Reading workshop for parents - January 2017
Results from parents' evaluations of sessions



Forty parents of KS2 children joined us for our reading workshops in January 2017. Six parents were unable to attend and requested the information handout. Thirty one parents evaluated the workshop that they attended. These were their responses:

1. How was this workshop useful?

- Very interesting and helpful advice.
- Reinforcing importance of extended vocabulary and breadth of reading – explaining impact of new national curriculum on children and expectations.
- To help me encourage my child to read at home and enjoy reading. Mrs Patmore gave me ideas about how to use technology.
- I found this workshop a great insight into how my son will be tested in his SATs and how I can assist him.
- Reading workshop was really useful as it gave me a lot of information to help my child.
- It gave us a clear idea of what to expect in a KS2 reading test.
- Useful handouts, tips and a chance to answer parents' questions.
- Lots of tips to take away and use at home to support reading.
- It was an insight into the Y6 SATs test.
- This workshop has helped me to reflect on what I had been doing well and areas for further improvement.
- It showed me what level the children need to be and ways to encourage them.
- Great insight into what is coming up in SATs and great tips to help at home.
- Lots of information spurring me onto read with my child more or read to her.
- Great to understand where my child needs to get to and how we can support now.
- Gave an insight into some of the tests and levels read.
- I feel I can try and prepare my child for Y6 by reading different books and asking questions.
- It has given me a lot more understanding on how to help my kids read and reduce my panic level when my son reads the same books every time.
- The workshop has made me more determined to help my kids in their reading.
- How parents can help at home.
- Given different ideas on how to extend their reading.
- I can help my child reflect on and analyse a book.
- To know where your children are expected to be at the end of the school year.
- Seeing the SATs paper to see where our children need to be at.
- Good to see an example SATs paper and get ideas for questioning/prompting when reading at home.
- I gained some great ideas on how to ask questions using prompts.
- Great to get different ideas about how to get them read rather than just books.
- Gave me more of an understanding of the way my child understands the process of reading.
- Chance to see the SATs papers and the style of questioning which will be used.
- I appreciate having a copy of the curriculum to use and the question prompts will be very helpful!
- Useful tips on how to make my child understand what is expected of him and how to help him reach these targets.
- Finding out about the KS2 SATs test and how it has changed and the end of year expectations.
- I got lots of ideas as before I struggled.
- It gives us as parents an approach which is useful on how to assist our children and an understanding of acquiring reading skills to achieve their year group expectations.
- Very useful for my child in Y3. I am keen for her to read more and to get her to do this.

- Provided an insight into expectations and how to support reading.
- Take home packs very useful so can better support my child's reading and comprehension skills.
- Opportunity to ask questions.
- Has given me a lot of direction in how to help my child progress in reading.

2. What additional information about reading at Brinkley would you like to find out about in the future?

- How children select reading books to bring home and which selection or range of books is available.
- Which books are 'appropriate' for his age.
- The amount of reading they do in class and ensuring the teacher is checking the understanding of the child.
- I would like to learn more about how I can prepare my child for SATs in a fun way.
- What would be good is if we can sit in on the class when they do guided reading and see how they work in small groups.
- What level of books they should be on.
- A range of different reading material similar to today's.
- If we can find all the information and resources on the school website.
- More information about SATs.
- Suggestions of good books.
- To be updated on how the children are doing in their reading. New ideas if the curriculum changes.
- I would like to know more about the comprehension that they do in class and how they are scored.
- More resources to do at home.
- Be aware of what they whole class guided reading book is so we can reinforce it and continue it.
- List of reading books that we can introduce them to.

3. Usefulness of the reading workshop:

(With a rating of 6 being 'very useful' and a rating of 1 being 'not very useful'.)

Twenty nine parents rated the workshop in their evaluations. Twenty three parents (79%) gave the workshop a rating of 6. Six parents (21%) gave it a rating of 5.

4. Any further comments:

"Looking forward to reading with my daughter and having a set of questions to help and challenge her."

"Thanks to Brinkley Grove for giving parents good tips."

"Library here we come."

"Thank you for useful information and delivery."

"Gave parents knowledge of what we need to equip our children to become good readers."

"Really great. More please - not just based on what school needs but across the board."

"Love the workshops and hope for many more."

"I will look forward to putting these ideas into practice."

"These workshops are really useful to be able to get involved and find out more."

"Great to see last year's Y6 test."

"Maybe have time to read with them in school or after school as my boy is so different at home!"

"An evening workshop would have been very helpful."

"Very informative and worthwhile. Roll on the next one!"

"Very useful. Thank you!"