

Mersey Vale Primary School

Working Together for a Brighter Future

You Said	We Did
<p>To continue to foster a love of reading and ensure whole school consistency.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Throughout the year, reading has continued to be a priority at Mersey Vale. Each classroom has a library area, with a 'Recommended Reads' section to inspire and enthuse children to read a variety of books based on recommendations from friends and adults. We have continued to display our whole school 'BookFlix' in a prominent position in school for classes to share the books they are currently reading and for staff to also share their favourite books. Children enjoyed taking part in 'World Book Day' and dressed up as their favourite book character to promote a love of reading. ➤ We have been fortunate to have a number of visiting authors this year, including the fabulous Sean Perkins who delivered a number of workshops from Nursery through to Y6. He was very inspiring indeed! Some children in KS1 also visited our local library in Heaton Moor and had the opportunity to search the library for their favourite books. We took part in the 'Stockport Book Awards' which involved reading a selection of books in class and voting for our favourite and we have also held a Scholastic Book Fair in our hall for children and adults to purchase both fiction and non-fiction books.
<p>For parents and carers to feel confident to support their child's learning at home and enhance communication between home and school around curriculum expectations. E.g. workshops (in school or remotely)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We began the year with our 'Meet the Teacher' in September, where curriculum expectations and 'top tips' to support children at home were shared. For any parent/carer who was unable to attend, we sent home all information and it is also available on our website. We have continued to update our website with a wealth of information and have pages dedicated to our curriculum, including the EYFS framework. Within these pages, further information and links enable parents/carers to find additional resources they may wish to use at home. We have also continued to use our Class Dojo pages to celebrate learning that has taken place and also as a platform to submit homework. Information on both our website and Class Dojo can be translated into a number of different languages to support any families who may need this. ➤ Learning from our remote education experiences over the last couple of years, teachers have continued to use a variety of internet platforms for homework, including 'Purple Mash' and 'Learning by Questions' which enables families to be fully involved in learning at home. We also ran a very successful and well attended phonics workshop to support parents/carers understanding of our Read Write Inc. scheme and how we teach early reading at Mersey Vale.
<p>To raise awareness and promote online safety within the whole school community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Online safety continues to be interwoven into everyday teaching. Our PSHE and Computing curriculum provide many opportunities to explicitly teach children how to keep themselves safe online. In the Spring Term, we took part in 'Internet Safety Day' and held a whole school poster competition. The quality of the entries was so fantastic, these are proudly displayed in a communal area in school so all children can see them. ➤ We have updated our Internet Safety section of our website with guides and useful links to support parents/carers understanding of games, apps and websites that our children tell us they are using. We also regularly send home information via our newsletter to keep families updated and will continue to work closely with the Local Authority and offer an 'Internet Safety' workshop for parents/carers each year.

