

## **SEND- Ambition and Access in Reading**

## Ambition- What are we aiming for children with SEN to achieve in this subject?

At St Bridget's, we are passionate about teaching reading in an exciting and progressive way; giving children the tools and skills required to be independent readers with a passion for reading. Our aim is to foster a love for reading by promoting reading for pleasure. To achieve this, we carefully select texts which give children the opportunity to discuss new ideas and develop empathy with characters they meet along the way.

## Access- What amendments are made to the subject in order to help children with SEN to achieve?

- Providing children with texts that match their ability to enable them to read confidently.
- Exposing all children to higher level texts through whole class guided reading to develop their comprehension and vocabulary.
- Modelling the skills needed to read with fluency and intonation.
- Discussing higher level vocabulary.
- Providing a range of differentiated questions during whole class guided reading so that all children can achieve.
- Providing high quality interventions that help improve decoding and fluency skills.
- Regular recaps and discussions to check SEN children's understanding.
- Providing a positive learning environment where children feel comfortable with sharing ideas.
- Ensuring children have access to equipment that will support their learning (overlays, talking tins).
- Pairing children with more able readers to build their confidence.