

What is Destination Reader?

Destination Reader is an approach to reading for years 3-6 that can be applied to all texts and is designed to create a culture of reading for pleasure and purpose. This approach involves using clear reading strategies to support comprehension and learning behaviours to support children in conversation. It was developed by a working party of Hackney teachers, who piloted the approach, to provide a higher quality approach to teaching reading in Key Stage 2.

What does Destination Reader look like?

Structure of DR Reading Lesson	
Before Independent Reading Whole Class 15 mins	Introduce/revise reading strategy Introduce context of text and author if new book Go through vocabulary definitions
	Strategy modelled by adults through think aloud with displayed text
	Partners practising strategy
Independent Reading 25 mins	Partner or independent reading focussing on strategy whilst reading - having discussions either during reading or after reading the text Adults work with small group of children
After Reading 5 mins	Celebrate good use of strategies Selfies - questions about the text Children evaluate their use of the learning behaviours

Once a week the children complete a written comprehension task independently using either a longer, unseen piece of text or a section of the class text.

Destination Reader bookmarks to support children in lessons:

<https://holmleigh.hackney.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/DR-Bookmark.pdf>

Our Destination Reader 7 Reading Strategies:

Clarifying

Predicting

Asking questions

Summarising

Inferring

Evaluating

Making Connections

How can I support my child with reading?

To support your child with their reading you could:

- Use the Destination Reader bookmark when reading, this will encourage your child to talk more about their book.
- Visit the library together
- All reading is good - encourage your child to be exposed to a wide range of text such as posters, leaflets, recipes, information books, story books, magazines, newspapers, audiobooks, games
- Model enthusiasm towards reading by sharing any interesting facts/ideas from the book you are reading and sharing their books with them
- Read to your child – whatever their age. This is an opportunity for them to be exposed to stories and language at a higher level
- Make books part of your family life - read at the same time as your child and make it into a family reading session