

YEAR 5 FLUENCY



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Reading Focus

FLUENCY

In Year 5, we have been working on improving our reading fluency through our daily 1-minute speed read. Students work with a partner to practise reading a short passage aloud for one minute.

Here's how it works:

- Partner A reads first for one minute, marking off where they finish. Partner B follows along with the text, checking that Partner A is reading fluently.
- Partner B then has their turn, while Partner A listens and follows along in the same way.

This activity encourages students to read with accuracy, expression, and confidence, while also building their words-per-minute reading rate. We have been really impressed with the effort students are putting in and the steady progress they are making.



Reading Goal

WORDS PER MINUTE AND ACCRUACY

By the end of Year 5, the goal is for students to be reading at 137 words per minute with 96% or above accuracy. This benchmark helps ensure they are not only reading quickly but also understanding what they read. We are proud of the determination Year 5 students are showing as they work towards this target.



What can you do?

One of the best ways to build fluency is through regular practice, and families can help by encouraging students to read aloud at home. Just 5–10 minutes a day makes a big difference. Reading aloud helps students practise expression, pace, and accuracy, while also giving them the chance to share stories with their family.

Parents/carers can support by listening, following along with the text, and offering gentle encouragement. Celebrating small improvements together can help build confidence and a love of reading.