



GROW Project

Our school are excited to be working on a specific focus: to create a culture of a passion for reading across the school. We hope this will lead to greater opportunities for our students, both in and out of education.

We are currently involved in a project within our local Learning Partnership: the GROW project (Great Reading for Outstanding Writing). The project focuses specifically on reading, and we are delighted to be a part of it.

The project model is based on exciting teacher training sessions, regular network meetings for project leads and personalised in-school support where necessary.

We have chosen a lead teacher, supported by a qualified Speech and Language therapist, and we recently attended a launch meeting in September 2019.

Our lead teacher has already begun setting up: individual intervention, whole school incentives such as book club and story time; and coaching for colleagues. They are also gathering information and feedback from parents/carers/pupils to inform developments.

We look forward to updating you on our progress.

You can find our English policy, which includes information about reading, on our school website at the link here: <https://www.autism.org.uk/services/nas-schools/helen-allison/learning/reading-project.aspx>

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