

Elevating Children's Literacy

The DfE Reading Framework & Twinkl's Support

The Department for Education (DfE) recently released its [updated reading framework](#), emphasising the significance of language proficiency in students' overall educational success. Twinkl takes a close look at the DfE's recommendations that underscore the paramount importance of collaborative efforts among education professionals to nurture proficient, fluent, and confident readers before they transition to secondary education.

The updated Reading Framework, now encompassing early years foundation stage to year 9 pupils, serves as a comprehensive guide. This non-statutory document offers practical insights and recommendations for school leaders and staff, highlighting strategies to support both struggling and proficient readers. In response to the evolving post-COVID-19 educational landscape, the framework provides guidance on evaluating and elevating reading provisions within schools.



Rebecca Stott, Twinkl's Schools' Thought Leadership Partner explains, "The Reading Framework provides educators with a number of exciting opportunities for improving literacy, and, subsequently, outcomes across the curriculum. As literacy is such an important part of the curriculum, we already have a fantastic range of resources at Twinkl that support literacy development from EYFS-KS4 that align with the updated Reading Framework.

In addition, we have some exciting new resources and events planned for the new academic year designed to inspire and empower; literacy leads, SLT, classroom teachers, librarians, SENCOs and TAs, to develop really engaging and impactful literacy strategies for their settings."

Creating a Positive Reading Culture

In an effort to cultivate a culture of reading for pleasure, Twinkl is hosting an online [TeachMeet](#) on October 9th, 2023. Esteemed contributors, including Nick Oram, leader of the Young Readers Programme at the National Literacy Trust, Katie Sinnot and Emma Fitzgerald, Product Owners at Twinkl Originals, and

author Tom Brassington, will share practical ideas and activities to ignite heightened engagement in reading among students.

Subject Leader Network Events

Understanding the increasing significance and pressures faced by subject leaders in light of the Education Inspection Framework, Twinkl Subject Leads are organising a series of online monthly subject leader network events throughout the 2023-2024 academic year. These sessions aim to offer a collaborative platform for subject leaders to discuss various aspects of their roles and engage in a global educational dialogue.

Twinkl's Comprehensive Approach

Twinkl's dedication to elevating reading skills is evident through an extensive range of resources:

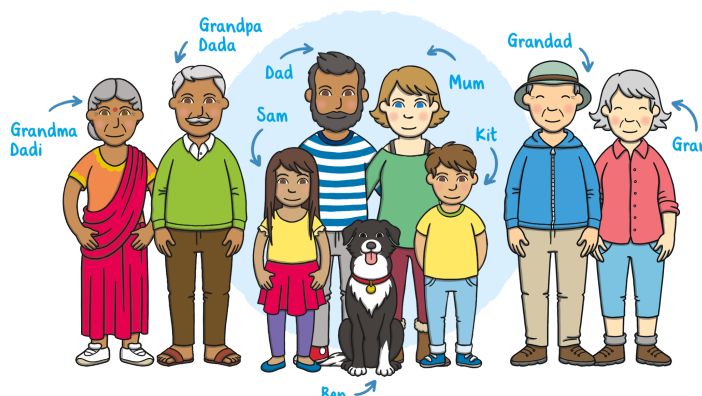
Rhino Readers

[Rhino Readers](#) is a fully decodable reading scheme encompassing fiction and nonfiction books that align seamlessly with Twinkl's phonics programme, equipping children with enduring reading skills.



Twinkl Phonics

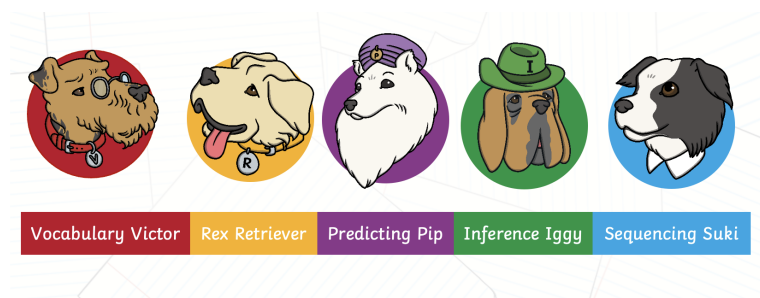
[Twinkl Phonics](#), is a whole-school, ready to teach SSP programme approved by the DfE and endorsed by schools and recommended by teachers. The programme offers six levels of meticulously designed lesson packs, aiming to infuse joy into phonics learning and guide children towards fluency. A comprehensive offering covering preschool to KS2 ensures no student is left behind, with fidelity to the Rhino Readers scheme.



Twinkl's Totally Pawsome Resources

Twinkl's Totally Pawsome resources exemplify the recommended approach by facilitating the application of a range of comprehension skills simultaneously. By engaging students with the lovable dog

characters, these resources make learning enjoyable and effective, fostering a love for reading and comprehension.



As Becky Escreet, Senior Product Owner at Twinkl explained, “As per the revised DfE Reading Framework (2023) guidance, our Totally Pawsome Reading Gang comprehension resources are designed to encourage children to draw on and use a range of comprehension strategies simultaneously on their journey to becoming experienced readers. For children who need the extra support of more in-depth discrete teaching into a specific reading skill, the range also offers short-burst intervention materials for individuals, groups or whole classes on vital skills, such as inference, prediction and summarising.”



These resources align with the National Curriculum reading objectives for [KS1](#) and [KS2](#) and are integral to the end-of-Key-Stage assessment.



Twinkl Originals

[Twinkl Originals](#) Is a diverse collection of captivating books covering popular topics and calendar events, enhanced with classroom resources closely aligned with curriculum objectives.

Reading Framework Quick Look: This is a succinct yet [comprehensive resource](#) providing an overview of the framework's core tenets and practical guidance for school leaders.

Reading Framework Staff Share: A comprehensive [guide](#) designed to assist educators in effectively implementing the reading framework.

Audio Summary: An [audio summary](#) of the Reading Framework in 176 seconds.

Emphasising the Significance of Reading in Education

Twinkl remains committed to empowering educators, schools, and students on their reading journey. Through its comprehensive resources and steadfast support, the organisation endeavours to make learning engaging, accessible, and effective on a global scale.

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