

## Progression in Story Time

At Kingsgate, we believe that story time is a golden opportunity to introduce children to rich texts that they might not otherwise choose to read by themselves. Teachers scaffold understanding and explain vocabulary to help children develop a love of reading.

Through story time, children develop the stamina to keep reading a complex text and understand that authors develop plot and characters in layers.

Children learn to appreciate the rewards that come from being persistent when reading.

Children are exposed to a wide range of texts including; short stories, chapter books of increasing length and challenge, poetry anthologies, picture books and information books.

Story time also provides time for teachers to continue reading books used to stimulate writing in writing lessons and discuss them in depth.

The breadth and complexity of language increases from term to term and year group to year group.