

At TILT Education, we believe that reading is foundational to every aspect of learning and personal growth. Reading not only unlocks access to academic achievement but also enhances emotional well-being, supporting the Social, Emotional, and Mental Health (SEMH) of our pupils. Through reading, our pupils can explore diverse perspectives, develop empathy, and build resilience—all essential skills for thriving in both school and life.

To foster a love of reading and make it accessible to all, we have developed a comprehensive reading program tailored to meet our pupils' needs and interests. Our dedicated library and comfortable reading area provide a welcoming space where pupils can engage with books at their own pace. We celebrate World Book Day to spark excitement around reading and make it a shared experience for our school community.

Each term, our Functional Skills English lessons are carefully themed with different books chosen to resonate with our pupils' interests, helping to make reading both relevant and engaging. Reading is also embedded across the curriculum, with weekly form sessions dedicated solely to reading. During these sessions, pupils can read individually, in pairs, or as a group, fostering a sense of support as they explore new worlds together, they take part in fun reading activities and games to support pupils with exploring different genres of books and to further spark excitement and engagement around reading

During these sessions we also personalise reading material to align with pupils' interests, and we use innovative tools like AI to tailor level appropriate comprehension questions and discussions. This approach ensures that every pupil can not only enjoy but also comprehend and connect with the material. Our AI-assisted questioning helps us to assess understanding and promote critical thinking, creating a rich reading experience that supports both skill development and confidence.

Every Monday we watch, read and discuss local and international news, giving pupils access to local and international newspapers, Newsroom articles and accompanying comprehension questions. Not only does this promote literacy skills but it also expands pupils understanding of the world around them, exposes them to new concepts and vocabulary, builds confidence when it comes to having a voice. Those who read trustworthy news articles are also less likely to believe fake news.

At TILT Education, we are committed to making reading a meaningful, enjoyable, and integral part of our pupils' lives, empowering them with the skills and emotional resilience they need to succeed.