

The Teaching Reading and Phonics in Year 1

Phonics:

We follow the Read Write Inc. scheme for phonics. Children learn a sound a day, practising reading the sound and then writing it. The sounds are split into 3 sets: Set 1 is initial simple sounds, Set 2 are sounds with more than one grapheme such as 'ay', 'ee' 'igh' and Set 3 looks at alternative spellings, such as 'air' and 'are' (fair and care. Children stay with their class teacher but support is given by a specialist teacher for those children in the early development stage and TAs support a group of children needing an extra challenge as they are fluent readers.

The Phonic Screening Check takes place in June. The children read 40 real and nonsense words which are all phonetically decodable. Children practise sounding out nonsense words in the classroom through games such as the online resource 'Phonics Play'.

Reading:

We use a range of books, not keeping to one scheme. Children read banded books ranging from Pink to Brown in Year 1. Children are able to change their individual reading books as often as they need to. Reading record books are filled in by staff and parents and provide a clear link between home and school. Children receive bookmarks with their reading targets clearly displayed.

Guided Reading occurs once a week and comprehension activities are set in order to consolidate understanding.