

Phonics and Reading in EYFS and Key Stage 1

Phonics

In KS1 our children learn through the use of a phonics programme called 'Song of Sounds'. This is a multi-sensory approach with kinaesthetic, auditory and visual activities that reinforce skills through a variety of learning styles, making it ideal for all pupils, including those with special educational needs or English as a second language.

Song is at the heart of the programme, helping children to remember every phoneme using a highly active approach with whole-body actions and lots of games to aid learning, and to engage and enthuse children in their learning.

The programme is carefully differentiated and contains support and challenge to cater for every child's needs. It is divided into three stages, (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and lessons take place every day.

Reading

Currently, the children read daily to develop their decoding and understanding skills. They access a wide variety of texts, combining personal choice with careful teacher guidance to ensure that they read texts of an appropriate level to continue their development, but also to foster a life-long love of reading.

Later in the Autumn, we will be introducing a new reading programme in KS1, Daily Supported Reader, details of which will follow once staff training and planning has been completed.