

Phonics

Why Phonics?

Through phonics children can put the correct sounds together in order to write a word that can be read by others or segment a word for reading.

Aim

We aim to teach all sounds and letter groups.

How to stretch out words and put them back together.

Write words by hearing each sound.

The teaching of phonics

The programme we use is Floppy's Phonics.

This is a rigorous synthetic phonics programme for teaching reading and writing success.

This programme engages children from the outset and enables them to read quickly. It is a well-structured programme with carefully paced lessons and follows a clear teaching sequence.

It is matched to fully decodable books, ensuring reading practice that is matched to the children's phonic knowledge.

We chose this programme because it has a strong emphasis on spelling which can be continued into KS2. It also enables us to have autonomy in the literacy that we deliver.

It belongs to the child and can easily be supported by their parents / carers .

There is an element of language and vocabulary development built into the programme which supports the wider curriculum.

How phonics is taught

Phonics is taught daily following the teaching sequence

1. Revisit and review

Revise sounds using the Flashcards and Frieze displayed in the classroom.

2. Teach

Teach new sounds using the Flashcards and an online page spread which matches the fully decodable books.

3. Practice new and revised sounds and letter groups using letter sheets

4. Apply

Apply phonics taught using cumulative text for reading and graphemes tiles for spelling practice.

5. Consolidate

Consolidate learning using reading activities , online activities and writing for a real purpose.

Useful words are taught alongside this.