

Phonics

The teaching of phonics is a strength of our school; we have developed a comprehensive programme of study based upon high quality teaching of letters and sounds which takes place daily across our infant department. Effective teaching and learning in this vital area is essential if young children are to read and write well. In this section you will find a range of information about all aspects of phonics together with useful hints and suggestions as to how you can support your child at home. (Phase 4 is a revision programme so we have not included a leaflet.)

Phonics (Letters and Sounds) is a focussed teaching strategy that teaches children how the alphabet works for reading and spelling.

Letters and Sounds are taught through 6 phases.

Phase 1 supports the development of speaking and listening.

Phase 2-5 is a systematic approach to phonics teaching and word recognition skills

Phase 6- focuses on word- specific spellings and the rules for spelling alternatives.

Letters and Sounds are taught as a discrete 25 minute session each day in similar ability groupings from across the Key Stage. Each lesson follows the structure of review, teach, practise and apply.

When children have secured phase 6, they move into the Support for Spelling programme.