

# English - Reading

In Reception and Key Stage 1, children are taught to read through daily phonics lessons. These lessons teach five main skills:

1. **Learning the letter sounds** - Children are taught the 42 main letter sounds. This includes alphabet sounds as well as digraphs such as sh, th, ai and ue.
2. **Learning letter formation** -Using different multi-sensory methods, children learn how to form and write the letters.
3. **Blending** - Children are taught how to blend the sounds together to read and write new words.
4. **Identifying the sounds in words (Segmenting)** - Listening for the sounds in words gives children the best start for improving spelling.
5. **Tricky words** - Tricky words have irregular spellings and children learn these separately.

In both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children take part in daily reading activities, which include reading comprehension tasks and guided reading sessions with their class teachers. Reading is taught and assessed based upon the seven assessment focuses.

## The Reading Assessment Focus list

- Use a range of strategies, including accurate decoding of text, to read for meaning
- Understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text
- Deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts
- Identify and comment on the structure and organisation of texts, including grammatical and presentational features at text level
- Explain and comment on the writers' use of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level
- Identify and comment on the writers' purposes and viewpoints, and the overall effect
- Relate texts to their cultural and historical contexts and literary traditions.

## Our Phonics Programme

Phonics is taught throughout our school using the Letters and Sounds programme which is used most schools nationally. We use a range of resources to support this programme, including the Read Write Inc. cards, rhymes and reading books to support daily phonics lessons. We also have Floppy's Phonics reading books that support decoding using phonic skills.

## Our Reading Schemes

We use a wide variety of reading schemes and different authors to support children with their reading skills. This is because we believe that all children learn in different ways and enjoy different types of books. Our reading books are mixed together in levels so that the children experience a wide variety of books. We focus on the phonics decoding and sight words to ensure that different learning styles are met throughout our school. We encourage the children to read these books both in school and at home and by the time children are in Year 1, most reading is taught within guided group sessions.

Here are some of the reading schemes we use:

- Oxford Reading Tree
- Project X
- Ginn
- Rigby Star
- Oxford Graphics Novels
- Read Write Inc Phonics books
- Floppy's Phonics