



LEARNING PHONICS AT HOME

Phonics Teaching

Phase 1 is crucial phase in developing speaking and listening skills and phonological awareness. We use phase1 from “Letters and Sounds” in Nursery.

There are seven aspects and they are:

- Environmental sounds
- Instrumental sounds
- Body percussion
- Rhythm and rhyme
- Alliteration
- Voice sounds
- Oral blending and segmenting

Things to try at home:

- Play games like “I spy”
- Sing songs and rhymes together
- Share lots of books together

In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children follow a rigorous and systematic phonics programme called ‘Read Write Inc’.

This is an inclusive literacy programme for all children learning to read in the Foundation stage and Key Stage 1, so that the children can begin to decode and develop a speedy recognition of familiar and subsequently unfamiliar, printed words.

Children's phonic knowledge develops alongside their sight vocabulary and enables children to develop their vocabulary as they encounter new words.

These lessons are usually done in smaller groups.

Things to try at home:

- Reading to your child
- Discuss the picture, extending story
- Predict what is going to happen in the story
- Discuss characters, settings etc
- Play "I spy" using initial sounds
- Enjoy shared reading together where parents and children take it in turns to read
- Let children see adults reading
- Read little and often together