

Reading and Phonics in Reception



What is phonics?

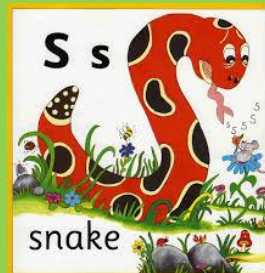
Phonics is one of the primary building blocks of reading. It is the relationship between the letters and the sounds they make.

These skills are then applied in writing, supporting the children's spelling.



What is covered in our phonic sessions?

- Taught using the Jolly Phonics songs and actions.
- Distinguishing the shape of the letter from other letter shapes.
- Recognising and saying the sound (phoneme) associated with the letter shape (grapheme).
- Naming the letter.



Supporting your child with reading/phonics

It is really important to pronounce phonemes (sounds) very clearly and not add 'uh' at the end.

For example:

Long sounds - m mmm not muh n s f l

Short sounds - t b d i g c

Don't say suh - a - tuh for sat - can make blending sounds to read words and spell words difficult.



Supporting your child with reading/phonics

- It's time to get your c -oa- t, coat! Touch your t-oe-s, toes!



- Think of words using the letters learnt so far s a t p

- Clapping out each sound/phoneme

p i n, p a t

- Robot talking and then blending or squeezing the sounds to say the whole word (start of reading)

- Counting how many phonemes they can hear in words on their fingers

m a n

Tricky Words

- Tricky Words are words that have to be learnt by sight. They cannot be phonetically sounded out

‘the’ is not t-h-e

‘so’ is not s-o

Tapestry

We will upload phonemes of the week and any new tricky words we have learnt onto Tapestry. You could make your own set of flashcards and practise with your child at home.



Websites/Apps

