

Key Stage 1 Phonics

Phonics is taught throughout Key Stage 1 on a daily basis, following the letters and sounds scheme. In addition, Reception use Jolly phonics to introduce the sounds with a song and action. In Year 2 a gradual progression is made towards teaching grammar skills along with spelling. This includes learning about different parts of sentences (verbs, adverbs) as well as different kinds of sentences to use in their writing.

The phonics screening test takes place in June of Year 1 where children read 20 real + 20 nonsense words.

Guided reading is taught once a week in small groups using a range of both fiction and non-fiction books. We access a variety of schemes including Rigby Star, Bug Club, Oxford Reading Tree, Lighthouse and Rising Stars. Individual readers are listened to at least twice a week in Reception, and as and when needed in Key Stage One, usually at the teacher's discretion.