



Reading and Phonics Meeting July 2022

Reception Phonics

- From September we will be using a new phonic scheme, Unlocking Letters and Sound
- This scheme provides fidelity through out school
- We begin teaching phonics in the first few weeks of term 1 in Reception
- They will also begin to learn 'Common Exception' words (You may know these as Tricky Words). These are words that can not be sounded out
- Children leave Reception being able to apply the phonemes taught within Phase 2, 3 and 4

Year 1 & 2 Phonics

- In Year 1 through Phase 5a, b and c, they learn any alternative spellings and pronunciations for the graphemes and additional Common Exception Words
- By the end of Year 1 children will have mastered using phonics to decode and blend when reading and segment when spelling
- In Year 1 all children are screened using the national Phonics Screening Check.
- In Year 2, phonics continues to be revisited to ensure mastery
- The children who don't pass the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1, will be retested in Year 2

Reading Books

- Children will bring home a reading book each Friday phonetically matched to their ability and linked to the phonemes (sounds) taught that week
- Staff will listen to the children read each week and comment in their Reading Record
- Children should read as often as possible to develop understanding and fluency
- We recommend at least 5 times a week at home, these can be short bursts of a couple of pages, any reading is good reading!
- Parents should then comment in their child's reading record every time they hear their child read

Reading for Pleasure

- Children will choose a new reading for pleasure book each Friday
- Reading for Pleasure books are a selection of dream reads that have a range of genres and authors
- This book is for grown-ups to read with their child
- Children can change this book throughout the week if they wish
- Parents should then comment in their child's reading record

Reading Expectations for Parents

- Read at least 5 times, or as often as you can
- Comment your child's reading record
- Practice spellings/CEWS ('Common Exception' words)
- Ask if you need any help!

Useful things to know

- Our expectations will be stuck in the front of every child's reading record
- Books will no longer be in color levels, books will be in phonic stages
- Children may have the same book for a longer period of time, this is to help develop understanding and fluency
- If you need any help there will be a new phonics page on our website from September which will help with pronunciation, actions, and handwriting
- We want to promote a love of reading! Any reading is good reading, whether it is a reading book or a magazine, there are so many opportunities to read