



Phonics in Reception

We are excited to be starting learning phonic sounds with our Reception children this week. This is an essential building block to support developing reading and writing skills. We are following the Letters and Sounds programme which systematically introduces the 'sounds' letters make in written words. All phonics programmes used in schools are based on this government guidance for teaching and learning.

We have learnt 4 sounds this week **s a t p**

These are on small flashcards in a zip case in your child's reading bag this weekend. We will add to them each week so please keep in safely in the bookbag! It is very important that these are pronounced correctly so children will be able to successfully 'blend' them to read words. These youtube links show some short videos to help you as parents/carers in supporting practising phonics at home.

Oxford Owl <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

Read Write Inc <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

There are also some helpful suggestions on the Phonics tab of the Hedgehog page of the school website in ideas to make phonics learning fun. You will also find a Weekly Update of the children's learning in class on this page.

In addition to this, we will be holding a Stay and Play session in Hedgehog class next week to give you an idea of how we teach Phonics in Reception. Along with a sample Phonics session with the teacher, you can then join in some fun activities providing ideas for you to enjoy supporting your child in early reading and writing at home.

Please join us on Thursday 13th October from 8.50am – 10.00am if you can!