

## **Reading and phonics**

Our core scheme for teaching Phonics is called Letters and Sounds. You can find it online;

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/190599/Letters and Sounds - DFES-00281-2007.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/190599/Letters_and_Sounds_-_DFES-00281-2007.pdf).

All staff are trained and children work in a differentiated phonics group for 20 minutes a day, at their own ability level.

It is supplemented with various ipad apps and other sub-schemes, supporting our teaching, such as 'Phonics Play'. Children have achieved highly in phonics here, every year since phonics assessments began.

We have a huge wealth of reading books from many schemes such as Oxford Reading Tree, Collins Big Cat, Pearson Bug Club, Longman Story Street...and many others.

They are all graded with the national system of 'Bookbanding'. Books of similar levels - but perhaps aimed at different skills (phonics, comprehension etc) - are grouped into coloured bands, so that everyone can understand how levels are graduated.

Children know where they are, and how to progress; and they love reading. Older pupils read the classic stories, as well as modern authors such as David Walliams and J.K. Rowling.

**Ask us - or pop in, to find out more!**