

Reading and Phonics



Phonics

At Longfields Primary School, early reading is taught using synthetic phonics as the main approach to reading. Pupils are systematically taught the phonemes (sounds), how to blend the sounds to read words, and how to segment the sounds in order to write words. They are taught to use their phonic skills and knowledge as their first approach to reading, but are also taught high frequency words which do not always follow the phonic rules.

The school follows the government published programme “Letters and Sounds” as the basis for teaching. This is supplemented with the following published schemes “Jolly Phonics” in the Foundation Stage, “Floppy’s Phonics” in Key Stage one and “Phonics Bug” in both the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1.

Reading Schemes

At Longfields Primary School, all our early reading books are colour banded. Your child will be given a colour band to choose their home reading book from which will help to ensure that the book they select is at the right reading level for them. Every colour band includes books from a range of reading schemes so that they will experience a range of stories, text types and illustrations. The majority of books within the early book bands can be decoded using phonics skills and knowledge. As such please encourage your child to use their phonics skills to read. A range of published schemes are used including Rigby Star Phonics, Big Cat Phonics, Oxford Reading Tree, Floppy Phonics, Phonics Bug and Songbirds.