

Phonics and Reading in Reception



Phonics

- ▶ At TWS we use the 'Phonics Bug' phonic scheme to support our phonics learning.
- ▶ The children have been practising their listening skills in preparation for hearing letter sounds.
- ▶ The children will be learning the sound each letter makes to support their reading and writing.
- ▶ The children have a phonics lesson twice a day which includes pencil grip and letter formation.



How phonics is taught in class

Demo lesson

https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/planning#bugclub_phonics



Phonics at home

- ▶ Look for objects beginning with a particular letter sound around the home.
- ▶ Sort objects by their initial letter sound.
- ▶ Play action games saying the action in 'sound talk' to support your child's blending skills.

Eg. Can you:

c-l-a-p your hands,

j-u-m-p,

h-o-p,

t-a-p your knees etc.



Supporting your child with phonics and reading

What next?

- ▶ In class each week your child will be learning the sounds that individual letters make.
- ▶ We also introduce the children to tricky words - these are words that have to be learnt by sight.
- ▶ Please practice reading and writing the letter names, sounds and words.
- ▶ Play lots of games using the letters sounds, games like 'I spy' are great for helping with this.



Reading in Reception

- ▶ Children read 1:1 with their Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant at least once a week.
- ▶ Class reading and reading for enjoyment as a class everyday.
- ▶ Reading at **home** 4 times a week.
- ▶ School library books.



How we introduce reading

- ▶ **Picture books** - These are books with no text. These encourage children to use pictures as clues to tell the story and builds on their communication and story language and story sequencing.



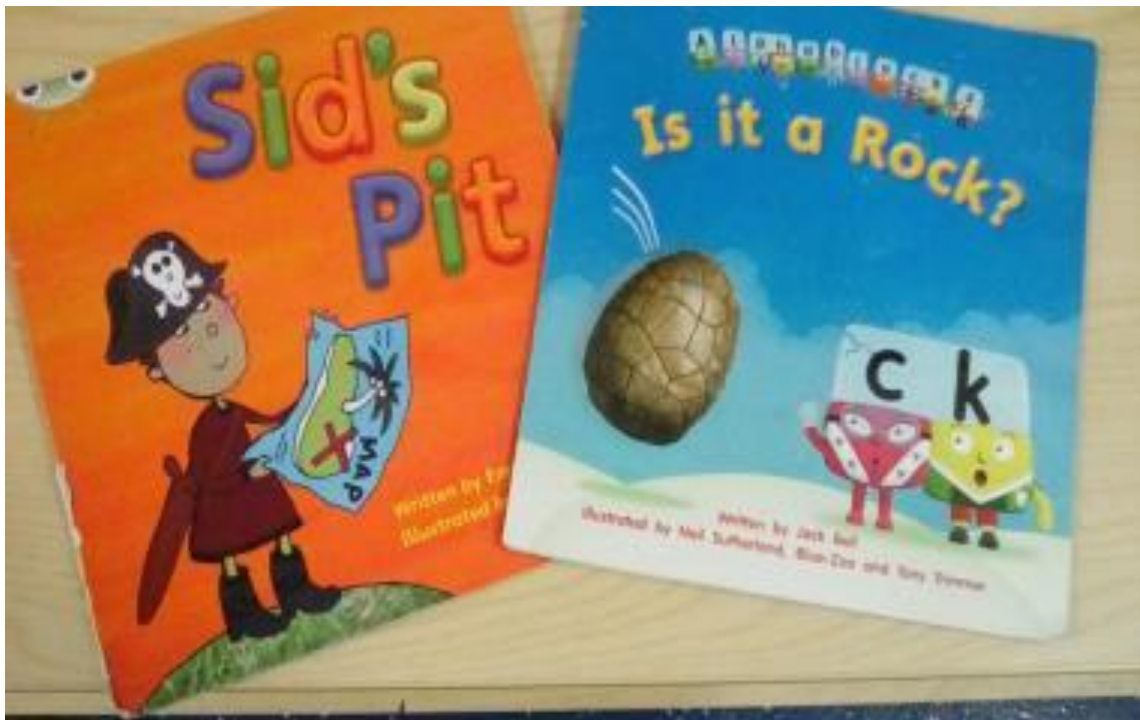
"The more you read aloud, the better you get to know the story,
the more it can be improved."

Pie Corbett, 2006

Reading at home

What next?

- **Banded books**- These books are **decodable**. They allow children to practice **segmenting** and **blending**. The books will match the letter sounds your child is learning in class.



Reading diaries

Recording your child's reading

- ▶ It is essential that you sign and date your child's reading record **after each read**.
- ▶ This allows us to know when your child's book needs to monitor their progress.
- ▶ We have class reward charts to encourage your child to read at home.
- ▶ Please feel free to write a comment if you so wish.
- ▶ Hints and tips sections.



Online learning

Books

Your child will be allocated a small number of books each week to support their reading and phonics learning. Don't forget to click on the bug!

Games

On occasion there will also be a short game for your child to play which helps assess how well they have understood the learning.

Why read a book more than once?

- ▶ To check understanding - encourage use of picture clues to help understanding, also show your child how you might be able to predict the meaning from other word clues.
- ▶ Use question prompts to help deepen your child's understanding and support their reading development.
- ▶ Has your child ever asked to have the same book read over and over again? Reading for enjoyment, story sequencing and story language.
- ▶ Many of the home reading books have questions or activities to support your child's reading comprehension.
- ▶ In school, during shared reading and 1:1 reading we will use reading vipers to support the children's reading skills.

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary

Infer

Predict

Explain

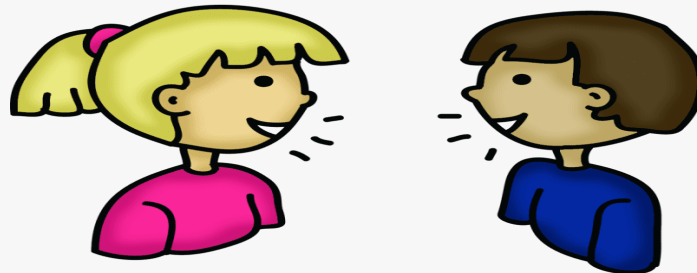
Retrieve

Sequence or Summarise



Extra tips

- ▶ Turn off the TV and limit screen time on other devices.
- ▶ Read when you are out and about - road signs, timetables, billboards, menus, recipes.
- ▶ Play games.
- ▶ Sing songs and nursery rhymes.
- ▶ Read and recite poetry / tongue twisters.
- ▶ Look at Tapestry together and listen to your child as they tell you about their school activities.
- ▶ TALK TALK TALK!



Other information and reminders

- ▶ After half term we will be starting our Family Fridays! You will be able to come into the class rooms with your child to read and share a story.
- ▶ Tapestry - access, like our posts, occasional homework, your posts
- ▶ Class page - this is updated regularly with information about the children's week, timetable and curriculum overviews.
- ▶ PE days - Thursday and Friday remove earrings, children come in their PE kit. Earrings must be removed on these days.
- ▶ Water bottles - labelled and only water please.
- ▶ Clothing - please label clearly.
- ▶ Welly boots and waterproofs for Forest School - Have you brought some in?
- ▶ Please do not bring anything in from home.

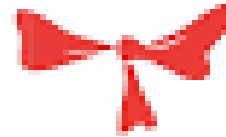
Any questions?

“ The more that you read,



the more things

you will know.

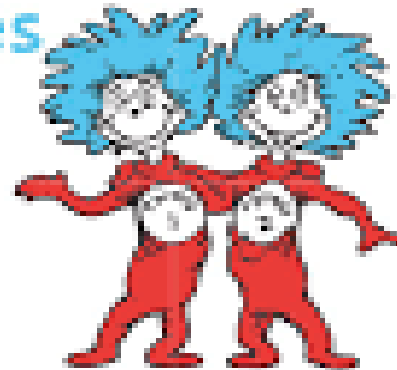


The more that you learn,



the more places

you'll go.”



-Dr. Seuss

School Enrichment Booklet

This year, our Enrichment Booklet will give children exciting opportunities to extend their learning through a range of fun and creative activities. Some tasks will be completed in school, while others can be enjoyed at home with family support. The activities are designed to encourage independence, curiosity and a love of learning, while allowing children to explore their interests and celebrate their achievements. We look forward to seeing the wonderful work the children produce throughout the year.

Nursery and Reception		 Date	
Activity		✓	
1.	Visit a farm - In school N	☐	
2.	Paint a <u>self portrait</u> - In school N&R	☐	
3.	Plant some seeds / bulbs - In school N	☐	
4.	Go on an autumn walk - In <u>school N</u>	☐	
5.	Make leaf rubbings - In school	☐	
6.	Make a sandwich - In school	☐	
7.	Taste a new fruit - In <u>school N</u>	☐	
8.	Visit a place of worship	☐	
9.	Fly a kite	☐	
10.	Make a paper boat and see if it floats	☐	
11.	Perform a song - In school N&R	☐	
12.	Re-tell a story to an audience - In school	☐	
13.	Post a letter	☐	
14.	Meet a friend's pet - In school N&R	☐	
15.	Search for minibeasts outdoors - In school N	☐	
16.	Take a photograph - In school	☐	
17.	Make a treasure map - In school N	☐	
18.	Dress up like a pirate - In school N	☐	
19.	Look up where you live on a map - In school	☐	
20.	Have a teddy bears picnic - In school	☐	

Please check that you have signed up for

- ▶ My Happy Mind- Wellbeing curriculum
- ▶ Study Bugs - Absences
- ▶ Tapestry - Online learning journal
- ▶ School app - Information and weekly class news