

Early Reading

How to Help Your Child



Learning Intentions

- To develop an understanding of the reading approaches used in school
 - Phonics
 - Sight Words
- To develop strategies to support your child at home.



Progression for Phonics

Phonics/ Spelling/ Reading



Phonological Awareness



Listening & Talking

Developing Phonological Awareness

- Before children are ready for phonics they need support to develop:
 - Listening skills
 - Learn to filter out distractions
 - Be able to listen to increasingly complex auditory signals
 - Compare and contrast sounds and rhythms
 - Physical readiness
 - Rhyme and alliteration
 - Words and syllables



What is Phonics?



- Read and write all 26 initial sounds.
- Moving on to consonant and vowel digraphs and finally end and initial consonant clusters.
- Multi-sensory approach
- Resources - Literacy Rich Edinburgh Programme, Jolly Phonics sounds



Phonics in Action

Building CVC words – beginning, medial and end sounds

Using My Turn, Your Turn

- Say the Word
- Stretch the Word
- Tap and Squeeze – how many sounds?
- Make the Word – how many letters?
- Read the Word

Developing Sight Vocabulary

Children also need to be able to read words quickly and correctly.

- ORT stage words
- Common words

We develop a sight vocabulary by:

- Daily practise
- Multi-sensory approach

Reading Books at School

- 4 reading sessions per week approximately 2 books per week
 - Developing word attacks skills and building a sight vocabulary.
 - Comprehension
 - Reading aloud with expression and fluency.
 - Prediction and word meanings
 - Looking at the author's craft such as style, characters and settings.



Reading is Fun!

- Reading for pleasure and enjoyment
- Own choice of time/place – quiet, relaxed environment
- Own choice of book/material from library/home
- Enjoy the experience!



Summary:

How to Help Your Child at Home

Practise:

- Key words
- Letter sounds and Jolly Phonics actions
- Reading books from school

Other support:

- Read stories for enjoyment
- Access the local Library
- Opportunities to read words – environmental print
- Storytelling through play
- Rhyming and alliteration activities/stories e.g I spy game
- Phonics websites/apps (set up with parental security)

Any questions?