

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Reading and Phonics

Phonics is a method of teaching children how to read and write.

It's all about sounds. There are 44 sounds in the English language, which we put together to form words.

Some are represented by one letter, like 't', and some by two or more, like 'ck' in duck and 'air' in chair.

Children are taught the sounds first, then how to match them to letters, and finally how to use the letter sounds for reading and spelling.

Synthetic phonics refers to 'synthesising', or blending, the sounds to read words.

It's based on the idea that children should sound out unknown words and not rely on their context.



At Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, we follow Letters and Sounds throughout Early Years (Eys) and Key Stage One (KS1) as our prime approach to teaching early reading.

Both teachers and teaching assistants deliver daily phonics sessions across the Key Stages.

In Key Stage Two (KS2) there is additional interventions through using the "Sounds Right" scheme primarily for those children who have not yet passed the Phonics Screening Test as well as for those children identified as requiring more phonic's sessions. Teaching assistants in KS2 deliver the sounds right scheme.



Other resources

The school staff also use web based resources , which have homework activities for parents to use



<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/index.htm>



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