



PHONICS



Phonics lessons give children the skills they need to develop the ability to read and write independently. There are many different schemes and programmes that can be used to teach these skills – we use one called Read Write Inc.



In Reception, children build up the bank of letters and sounds that they know and focus upon developing blending skills for reading and segmenting skills for writing. Fred the frog helps with this through Fred Talk and Fred Fingers.



The English language has 44 speech sounds but only 26 letters which makes it particularly complex and difficult to learn. Children need to know letter sounds not names to read words and we say these sounds in a way that makes blending easier. Sounds should be pronounced without an 'uh' at the end so "mmmm" not "m-uh", "ssss" not "s-uh".

