



# Phonics at Wren's Nest Primary School

Phonics teaching at Wren's Nest Primary School is key to everyday learning. Reading is a skill that is needed to meet the demands of everyday life. Phonics teaches children to read accurately and fluently with good comprehension. They learn to form each letter correctly, spell words accurately and compose their ideas step-by-step. Phonics instruction teaches children how to decode letters into their respective sounds, a skill that is essential for them to read unfamiliar words by themselves. Most words are in fact unfamiliar to early readers in print, even if they have spoken knowledge of the word. At Wren's Nest we want to give our children a real life understanding of reading. Teaching young children to read helps them develop their language skills as well as the mind.



## Big Ideas

- ✓ Practical activities
- ✓ Application
- ✓ Review
- ✓ Assessment
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Phonics reading books
- ✓ Phonics Screening Check



## Content and Sequencing

- ✓ **T42s/Nursery** - recognise sounds in the environment. Learn poems and rhymes.
- ✓ **Preschool** - Learn friezes and orally blend. Learn poems and rhymes and play listening games with Fred talk.
- ✓ **Reception** - Read single letter set 1 sounds, blend sounds into words orally, blend sounds to read words; read short Ditty stories, read Red story books, read Green story books and read some Set 2 sounds. Learn poems and rhymes and play listening games with Fred talk.
- ✓ **Year 1** - Read set 2 and set 3 sounds. Read Purple, Pink, Orange, Yellow and Blue story books. Learn poems and rhymes.
- ✓ **Year 2** - Read set 2 and 3 sounds. Read Blue and Grey story books with increasing fluency and comprehension. Access RWI Spelling Programme. Learn poems and rhymes.
- ✓ **Years 3 - 6 - Fresh Start**. Fresh Start is a phonics intervention for older children who have not made the expected progress in reading. Children are assessed and grouped according to their phonic knowledge, taught the 44 basic sounds, shown how to blend phonemes, and finally taken through more advanced skills such as spelling and writing.

Phonics at Wren's Nest is tailored to the needs of the children. The children remain on the RML Phonics programme until they are able to read fluently. They then move on to the Literacy and Language programme which follows on from RML Phonics.



## Cross curricular links

- ✓ Phonics is taught as discrete sessions and is integrated into all curriculum areas.
- ✓ Teaching staff clearly model how to apply phonic knowledge in reading and writing across the curriculum.



## Retrieval

- ✓ Daily review of sounds
- ✓ Recognising sounds in reading books
- ✓ Speed Sound charts
- ✓ Pinny Time
- ✓ Homework



## Progress

- ✓ Progress through each Speed sound set.
- ✓ Progression through spelling.
- ✓ Progression through writing.
- ✓ Half termly assessments
- ✓ Working Wall



## Support

- ✓ One to One tutoring
- ✓ Children grouped according to their ability.
- ✓ Inspire sessions for Parents
- ✓ Additional interventions after school
- ✓ Adult support in the classrooms
- ✓ Working Walls
- ✓ School website has a bank of Phonics videos to access.
- ✓ Children are given their own set of speed sound cards.
- ✓ All classes have a visible Speed Sound chart