

KS1 Phonics and Reading Scheme

Phonics

At St. Wilfrid's we use the 'Letters and Sounds' scheme to teach phonics as well as the 'Jolly Phonics' scheme to support the early teaching of phonics.

Jolly Phonics is an engaging child centred approach to teaching the forty two letter sounds. This is used in conjunction with Letters and Sounds; a phonic resource published by the Department for Education and Skills in 2007. It aims to build children's speaking and listening skills in their own right as well as to prepare children for learning to read by developing their phonic knowledge and skills. It sets out a detailed and systematic programme for teaching phonic skills with the aim of them becoming fluent readers by the end of KS1.

Reading

Reading is a complex skill with many different components; it is crucial in supporting children's learning across all the curriculum areas.

Our teaching of reading enables children to develop and use a range of strategies to help them read a range of fiction and non-fiction books with confidence and enjoy a rich world of literature.

We predominately use the "Oxford Reading Tree" scheme but supplement this with 'real' books; this is to ensure that the children are exposed to a range of vocabulary and rich content. All scheme books are banded. Therefore, books of a similar level of difficulty, which require a certain skill set are grouped together and given a colour. This is based on the 'Book Bands for Guided Reading' produced by the UK Reading Recovery National Network.