



The Teaching of Early Reading (Phonics)

Phonics Information for Parents

At Cropwell Bishop children are taught phonics through the letters and sounds programme. This is a detailed and systematic approach which aims to build speaking and listening skills and teaches them to read by developing phonics knowledge. There are phases ranging from 1-6. In our school children are placed in a phonics focus group depending on what phase they are secure in. Children are taught using a four part lesson 'Revise, Plan, Do, Review'. Children are assessed every half term and when they are secure in a phase they move onto the next. There is a national screening in year 1 where all children are assessed.

For reading we follow a book band system beginning in the Foundation Stage. The children will move through the bands until they become confident and fluent readers with good understanding of what they are reading. The children are assessed regularly by the class teacher and when appropriate will move onto the next level. Books are taken home in book bags and children may change their books when they have read with an adult at home.

Each child will be heard read in a 'guided reading group' weekly. They may also be heard to read individually by a member of staff or an adult helping in school.

Once the children have progressed through the book bands they can choose their own 'free reader' book from a selection in classes and the school library.

These are loosely organised into difficulty and maturity level.

There is also a selection of 'Real Readers' to support children with Dyslexia and dyslexic tendencies.