



How Phonics Links to The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum

Through phonics teaching, your child will work towards meeting the Early Learning Goals for reading and writing (commonly referred to as 'Literacy'). By the end of Reception your child should use their phonics knowledge to:

- Continue a rhyming string. E.g. bat, mat, cat...
- Hear and say the initial sounds in words.
- Segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together, knowing which letters represent some of them.
- Link sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.
- Begin to read words and simple sentences.

At the end of the Reception year, your child will be assessed as part of the EYFS Profile. Your child's teacher will decide if they are emerging, secure, or exceeding expectations in relation to the Early Learning Goal (ELG) for each area of learning. The Literacy (reading) ELG is as follows:

"Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonics knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read."