Learning to Read

Learning to read is an important and exciting part of our school day. Reading starts at home, sharing familiar stories and tradition tales is an imperative time for your child's reading journey. We then build on this in the classroom, the outdoors and other areas including the school library. We take a 'phonics first' approach to reading, using Jolly Phonics when introducing new sounds to the children. This is an approach whereby children learn sounds through songs and actions to support their letter recognition. Once sounds have been introduced at school, parents have the opportunity to learn the songs too! We invite all parents in for 'reading workshops' so they can support their children and promote a consistent approach working closely with the school. Children engage in daily phonics sessions and a weekly guided reading session to develop and support their 'learning to read' journey.

Please find the link below to help you say the sounds correctly!
http://www.google.co.uk/url?url=http://www.mrthorne.com/44phonemes/&rct=j&frm=1&q=&esrc=s&sa=U&ei=E4qCVazZMcTX-QGDrIL4Bg&ved=0CEcQFjAM&usg=AFQjCNEvOHSViCvjAqQlLWblK4MXVuIWXQ

We use a wide range of publishers to ensure children are exposed to a rich source of reading materials; these are colour branded to clearly identify which level your child at for their home/school reading books. Children are given a reading record when they start reception, this is an opportunity for parents to write about their child's reading at home, we ask all parents to read with their child at least 4 times a week – this might be their home/school reading book, bedtime stories or books from the library. Reading daily allows children to put their phonological learning into practice, this is hugely beneficial for your child's reading development.

We use a variety of websites in school that can be accessed at home to support our 'phonics' approach and reading. Please find the links below – staff will be willing to share with you the current phase your child is working within.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk
A selection of interactive games for all phonic phases. Mostly simple games.

www.letters-and-sounds.com
Letters and sounds website, resources are similar to sparkle box but slightly more interactive.

www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/expert-help/phonics-made-easy A great website for resources and explanatory videos.