

Useful websites to support with reading at home

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://jollylearning.co.uk/>

<http://www.focusonphonics.co.uk/acatalog/Links.html>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/phonics-made-easy/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>



East Bierley CE (VC) Primary School

Reading

Parents' Information Booklet Reception Class



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Early Learning Goals

At the end of Reception Class, we assess children against the Early Learning Goal for

- Children read and understand simple sentences.
- They use phonic 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.

Reading:

Phonics

Phonics is a method of teaching children to read by linking sounds (phonemes) and the letters / groups of letters that represent them (graphemes) .

The word **dog** is represented by 3 sounds

d - o - g

The word **goat** is also represented by 3 sounds

g - oa - t

The children work through the Letters and Sounds programme that introduces them to the sounds of the individual letters of the alphabet (phase 2) and sounds that are represented by two or three letters, such as 'ow' in cow (phases 3, 4, 5).

These websites provide further information about the teaching of phonics:

<https://www.readwithfonics.com/parents-phonics-guide>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/phonics-teaching-step-by-step>

Your child also receives regular homework which allows you to know which letter sounds we are focusing on.

Although phonics is our main approach to teaching early reading, we also aim to instill a love of reading from this early age. We have a cosy reading area in our classroom where books are easily accessible. We also have daily story time and often use stories as a hook for our learning.



How can I help with my child's reading at home?

- Set aside time for your own daily story time. Your child should be being read to so that they develop a real love for books.
- Encourage prediction and ask questions about the books that you share together to develop their understanding of what is read.
- Encourage your child to retell their favourite stories.
- Search for words and sounds in the books that you are reading.
- Go on a sound hunt wherever you are to try and spot sounds that have been taught. This could be in the supermarket or in the car by looking at vehicle registration plates.
- Robot talk instructions to help your child with blending sounds together e.g. Zip up your c-ao-t.
- Hear your child read in short bursts, as regularly as possible.