

Reading and Phonics at How Wood Primary and Nursery School

Phonics

At How Wood Primary and Nursery School, early reading is taught using synthetic phonics as the main approach to reading. Pupils are systematically taught phonemes following the government published programme 'Letters and Sounds.' Children are taught to use their phonic skills and knowledge for reading, but are also taught 'tricky' words which do not follow the phonic rules.

Children are also taught using the published resource 'Jolly Phonics' which enhances their phonic learning by providing a multi-sensory approach to learning phonics. For more information about phonics, including a video of how to pronounce the phonemes (sounds), we recommend visiting the website www.mrthorne.com.

Reading Schemes

How Wood Primary and Nursery School, children read in guided reading groups with a teacher to model different reading skills. All our guided reading books are colour banded to ensure that the book each child is reading is at the right level for them. Every colour band includes books from different reading schemes so that the children will experience a range of genres, text types and illustrations. The majority of books within the early book bands are from the published scheme 'Oxford Reading Tree' and can be decoded using phonics skills and knowledge. The range of published schemes used throughout the school includes Rigby Star Phonics, Floppy Phonics, Phonics Bug, Project X, Fireflies, Tree Tops, Snapdragons and Songbirds.

Reading for Pleasure

At How Wood Primary and Nursery School, we encourage pupils to develop a love of reading, borrowing books from our school collection to enjoy with their families. Class Teachers are always very happy to speak to parents who want to support their child in widening their reading habits. For more information on early reading we recommend visiting the website www.readingrockets.org