



Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of our school's new approach to the teaching of Phonics. In our school, we are determined that every pupil will learn to read and become successful, confident readers who enjoy reading.

What is Phonics?

Phonics is a way of teaching reading where your child is taught to read letters or groups of letters by saying the sound(s) they represent. Children can then start to read words by blending the sounds together to make a word.

How will my child learn Phonics?

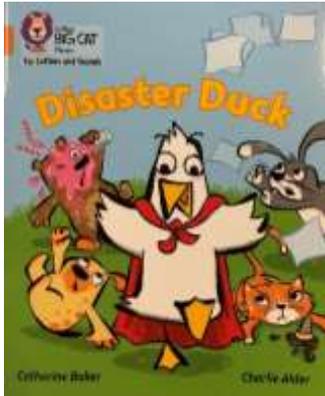
All children have been assessed on their Phonics sounds and their ability to segment and blend words in order to read them. This assessment will happen every half term to track your child's progress.

Phonics will take place daily. Children will be streamed in a smaller group with an adult, who focuses learning on the gaps in phonics knowledge the children may have.

Home Reading:

At the end of the Phonics session, children will apply the sound they have been taught by reading words either in a book or in a word list.

This book or word list will then come home with your child for them to read with you. This will replace the colour banded book they currently take home. As children will have been taught the sound that day, and read the book/word list already, this will make reading with your child a more pleasurable experience. This book will be changed two times a week. In addition, you can access books which have been set by the teacher on Bug Club. You will find the Bug Club log in information on the inside of your child's reading diary.



Example Book

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		I can read	I can spell
s u n	sun		
u p	up		
m u m	mum		
m u g	mug		
c u p	cup		
t u c k	tuck		
m u d	mud		
c u t	cut		

A mum went to get a cup.



Example word list

Children will also be bringing their library book home to share with you. This book is usually outside of their reading ability so it would be great for you to read this to them, encouraging a love of reading.

What can I do to help my child learn to read?

- Make sure your child has a book bag or bag to put their books and word lists inside.
- Make sure the books come back to school to be used again. Your child will then receive a new book.
- Listen to your child read the book and word list, giving them a well done!
- Share your child's library book with them, reading to them

If you would like to know more about Phonics and our new teaching approach, please visit our school website by [clicking here](#).

Kind Regards

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