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Phonics in Key Stage One

As you are all aware phonics is a vital skill for the children to learn early on so that they can become confident readers and writers. This booklet will hopefully give you an insight into what your child gets up to in Year One.

If you have any questions or queries about anything in this leaflet please speak to Mr Martin. No question is too small!



The Phonics Curriculum

At St Marks we follow the document 'Letters and Sounds' to teach phonics and use the 'Jolly Phonics Scheme' to support this. Each Phase has an assessment at the end of it which records the children's ability to read, write, recognise sounds and recognise tricky words. Here are how the phases should collaborate with each year group.

Nursery– Phase 1 and 2

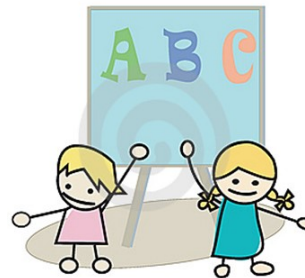
Reception– Phase 2, 3 and 4

Year 1– Phase 4, 5 and 6

Year 2– Phase 6

In Year 1 we work alongside Reception to ensure the children are in a group that matches their personal ability and phase.

In June the children in Year 1 will be tested on their phonics knowledge by the government. This is called the Phonics Screening.



What we do to help

To help your child pass the phonics screening we will be teaching them the phases explicitly. Nearer the time we will send out more information about the test. If your child does not pass the test in Year 1 they will be given another chance in Year 2. We encourage and support children to be at Phase 5 phonics before they leave Year 1.

Phase 2– Recognising the 26 sounds

Phase 3– Recognising diagraphs and trigraphs as well as tricky words

Phase 4– Reading and Writing words with sounds learnt

Phase 5– This phase is in 3 parts and focusses on further sounds and tricky words, as well as writing and reading.

Phase 6– Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

How you can help

Here are a few useful tips you can get up too at home to help support your child develop their phonics skills-

***Use the phonics flash cards**– They can be used to help support your child with their reading and writing at home. Flash letter sound games.

***Use the Ipad/ Laptop**– Try the following websites

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.letters-and-sounds.com

<https://monsterphonics.com>

www.jollylearning.co.uk

***Use Youtube** to help your child with the pronunciation of sounds.

***Encourage** finding sounds in words when reading and writing.

*Go through the Phonics Phase sheets that have been sent home, following the set curriculum.

We thank you for the time you took to read this leaflet and we hope it will be of some use to you as your child moves through Year One!



St Mark's R.C. Primary School



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