

You can develop children's phonics development by:

- Practicing the sound sheets at home with your child to improve memory and recognition.
- Playing blending and segmenting games with your child regularly e.g. can you get the r-e-d pencil.
- Giving your child time to practice their reading skills every day at home using their reading books.
- Supporting children to Fred talk and blend words independently.



Glossary

- Fred talk- when you say each individual sound in a word
- Blend- when you say each individual sound in a word and then put them all back together again to read or say the word as a whole.
- Segment- when you say each individual sound you can hear in a word so that you can spell it.
- Fred fingers- we count the sounds that we can hear in a word when we try to spell it so that we can remember the order.

Reading and Phonics at Sires Hill Primary Academy

Reading for pleasure is vital!

It benefits children by:

- Improving academic achievements across the curriculum.
- Improving communication- both in using language and understanding it.
- Developing a wide vocabulary.
- Improving social skills – empathy, sense of humour, life experiences, understanding the world.
- Improves mental health- reduces stress, improves concentration and memory, improves sleep.
- Develops a wide general knowledge.



You can develop reading for pleasure by:

- Supporting children to develop their phonics knowledge so that they can read stories for themselves.
- Reading to children engaging stories that are beyond their reading level so that they enjoy high quality texts and become exposed to a wider range of vocabulary.
- Be a reader yourself and share stories together, engage in book talk and make reading a fun, bonding experience.
- Discuss the pictures in books and begin the early stages of reading comprehension e.g. What is the boy doing? How does she feel? What might happen next? Etc.



What is Phonics?

Phonics is a systematic approach to teaching children how to read. It is taught from nursery to ks1 and can sometimes be taught in older year groups for those children who need it.

In Nursery, your child will learn how to play with sounds including sounds from the environment, musical instruments, voice sounds, body percussion, rhyme, alliteration, blending sounds orally and segmenting words orally.

In Reception, your child will learn how to recognize and write just one way for each sound (set 1 and 2). They will learn how to read and write short words using the sounds that they have learnt. They learn to read red words which are tricky to spell. By the end of the year they will learn how to read and understand sentences and short stories.

In KS1, children will develop their reading fluency, pace and expressive reader's voice. They will tackle longer books and answer more complicated questions about the story. They will learn set 3 sounds which are new ways of writing sounds that they already know and continue to read more red words.

