Phonics Overview

Bassingbourn Community Primary School · Read Write Inc. Phonics

Children learn to read and spell through daily Read Write Inc. Phonics lessons, from Reception until they read fluently. This overview shows the usual path through the programme. Children are grouped by the sounds they know, so some move faster and others take a little longer.

YEAR GROUP	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
Reception	• Set 1 sounds: single letters • Blending sounds with Fred Talk • Forming each letter	• Set 1 Special Friends, such as sh, ch and th • Reading short words • Spelling with Fred Fingers	• Reading longer words • First Red Ditty books	• Set 2 sounds begin • Red Ditty and Green Storybooks • Holding and writing a sentence	• Set 2 sounds secured • Green and Purple Storybooks	• Set 2 review • Set 3 begins for some children • Purple and Pink Storybooks
Years 1 and 2	• Set 2 review and Set 3 sounds • Pink and Orange Storybooks	• Set 3 sounds, including different spellings of the same sound • Orange and Yellow Storybooks	• Set 3 sounds secured • Yellow and Blue Storybooks	• Blue and Grey Storybooks • Comprehension begins for children who complete the programme	• Grey Storybooks • Phonics screening check (Year 1, June)	• Reading comprehension • Getting ready for whole-class reading in Year 3

Storybook colours, in order

Red Ditty › Green › Purple › Pink › Orange › Yellow › Blue › Grey

Any child who needs extra practice has daily keep-up sessions, so they can keep pace with their group. Reading the storybook at home each evening, using pure sounds rather than letter names, makes a real difference.