



## Foundation & Key Stage 1

### Phonics and Reading Schemes Used

#### Phonics

Early reading is taught using synthetic phonics alongside guided, whole class and individual reading. Pupils are taught the phonemes (sounds), how to blend the sounds for reading, and how to segment the sounds in order to write words. Phonics is divided into six phases, with each phase building on the skills and knowledge of the previous phase. We ensure that phonics is taught and practised at a pace that is suitable for individual and groups of children.

Children are also taught how to read high frequency words which do not completely follow the phonic rules. They are taught to read and spell 'tricky words', which are words with spellings that are unusual.

The children will secure their understanding of phonics through fun active daily sessions. Punnetts Town school follows the government published programme 'Letters and Sounds'.

Parents can play a vital role in helping their children develop these skills, by encouraging their children to listen carefully and talk extensively about what they hear, see and do.

**Parents can also use the links below to support their child with phonics**

[www.letters-and-sounds.com](http://www.letters-and-sounds.com)

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)



#### Reading Schemes

We use a wide range of books for reading. Some are sent home to be read, and others used for guided reading. These include Oxford Reading Tree, Rigby Star, Scholastic, Spiral Starters and Sunshine books too.

If you would like to know more about the curriculum our school is following please ask a member of the teaching staff or e-mail the school office.

