

Reading in Early Years Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1

At St. Peter's early reading is taught through phonics using *Letters & Sounds*. Children in EYFS and KS1 have daily, dedicated phonics sessions, taught in small groups. As children advance through the *Letters & Sounds* phases they are taught alternative spelling rules and patterns.

We use *Oxford Reading Tree* and *Collins Big Cat* as our main reading schemes. At St. Peter's reading is taught in many different ways and runs through all lessons and subjects. English lessons are based around a quality text which enables pupils to explore a wide variety of genres. Children complete weekly guided reading sessions in school and self-select their own home reading book from a selection of books that are particularly suited to their reading and comprehension ability.

When teaching reading, pupils explore texts in detail, discussing meaning and practising skills of comprehension such as decoding, inference and deduction and build reading stamina and fluency.

We also recognise the importance of exposing our pupils to a wide variety of text types and encourage reading for pleasure outside of school.

We value our local Library service; we introduce all our pupils to the Library and have regular exciting visits to enhance our Literacy.