



St Paul's Way Foundation – Phonics and Reading

Phonics

Words are made up from small units of sound called phonemes. Phonics teaches children to be able to listen carefully and identify the phonemes that make up each word. This helps children to learn to read words and to spell words.



At St Paul's Way Foundation School, we teach phonics using the 'Read Write Inc. Phonics' Programme. This is a phonics resource published by Open University Press. It aims to prepare children for learning to read by developing their phonic knowledge and skills. It sets out a detailed and systematic programme for teaching phonic skills for children, with the aim of them becoming fluent readers by age seven.

Reading at Home

All children have a reading book to take home with them and read at home; we recommend that children should read at home daily. Whilst they are in the earlier stages of learning to read, children will have a levelled reading book. We use a range of different schemes for this, including Oxford Reading Tree. Whilst children are following the Read Write Inc. Phonics Programme, they will regularly bring home a book from this scheme too. In addition to this we encourage children to visit the library, read more widely and to listen to adults reading stories and books to them.



Children enjoying books in one of our class libraries

