

## Phonics and Reading

We believe that creating a life-long love of reading in our pupils is incredibly important. We encourage parents to read with their children at home and pupils to change their reading books as often as possible.

In order to foster a love of reading, we do not follow a prescriptive reading scheme. Instead, we use a wide variety of engaging, high-quality texts selected by staff. These books are levelled for difficulty and complexity using coloured book bands. Your child will be able to tell you which colour book they are currently reading. Please follow the link below where you will be able to explore each band by clicking on the appropriate colour and view samples and examples of the texts at each level.

Link: <https://www.readingchest.co.uk/book-bands>

Early reading starts with phonics and developing good phonics skills in younger pupils is vitally important. Phonics provision begins in Nursery and skills are developed daily throughout Key Stage 1. Our school does not follow a set phonics scheme. Our teachers use 'Letters and Sounds' to plan and deliver phonics sessions tailored to pupil's individual needs. More information about 'Letters and Sounds' can be found here.

Link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/190599/Letters\\_and\\_Sounds\\_-\\_DFES-00281-2007.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/190599/Letters_and_Sounds_-_DFES-00281-2007.pdf)