

How do we learn to read?

Core Elements:

How Books Work!

Decoding Skills: Phonics / Sight Vocabulary / Reading Strategies.

Understanding: Comprehension Skills.

Emotional / Functional Connection with the text.

How Books Work...

Orientation

Front to Back

Text and Picture Identification

1 to 1 - pointing at words

Direction – Return Sweep

Title / Author / Illustrator / Contents

Blurb – Summary

Contents / Glossary / Index

TALK ABOUT THE PICTURES FIRST !

Be noseey... a detective... make it seem really exciting!



Decoding Skills

How to say the word / reading aloud



Phonics - Sounds

Synthetic Phonics — shorter, quieter, pure no “uh” added

Big focus in school — daily phonics / additional focus groups / linked to guided reading /activities in the continuous provision.

Jargon Busting:

BLEND (join sounds together) – SEGMENT (split sound up)

Robot Voice – Segmenting

Sound Buttons – S ee d
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More Strategies...

Use the pictures

Sound it out ...

Cross Checking (picture and initial sound provide clues)

Chunk it up eg. wind/mill

Re-reading the sentence for meaning

Remember repeated words – spot & remember

Know and learn the 'tricky words'



Parent Top Tips...

- Quality Time to enjoy together
- Find a special person to share the book with
- Make sure they are not too tired
- Don't push it if your child is not in the mood – offer to read to them
- Little and often
- Be enthusiastic and plan quality time to read with your child.
- Give lots and lots of praise.
- Talk about the book and the pictures first! Provide the language they will need
- Don't be afraid to help them... “Tickle the word if you're stuck and I'll help you”
- Tell school if books are too easy / hard or your child is having difficulty – it's a partnership! We are happy to help.

Other ways to help at home

Share school books and story books – both of equal value

Title and a brief message or simple tick in the Reading Record

Try to bring book bags with reading books and reading records on a Tuesday

Look for the stickers in the Reading Record for helpful hints and next steps in learning

Play the phonic games that go in with reading books

Phonics Play – www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Oxford Owl – www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Mr Thorne does Phonics (Google)