

Reading and Phonics at Yatton Infant School

In school we teach phonics using the Letters and Sounds programme, supported by the use of Jolly Phonics kinaesthetic actions and stories.

As children move through the early stages of acquiring phonics, they practise by reading texts which are entirely decodable for them from the Project Phonics, Project X Phonics and Songbirds Phonics reading schemes. Tricky words are also taught as part of the Phonics sessions and words are sent home so parents and children can work on learning these together.

Once children have a secure knowledge of letter/sound correspondences and can blend words confidently, they access our Book Banded reading scheme which has books from various published schemes including Oxford Reading Tree, Oxford Literacy Web and All Aboard from Ginn and is designed to give children experience of a variety of reading genres. There are fiction and non-fiction books within each level. In addition in KS1, children have weekly guided reading lessons using the Rigby Star and Oxford Literacy Web schemes.

All children are encouraged to select books from the classroom, library or home to share with their parents to encourage a love of reading.

Once children can read fluently and with a good understanding, they self-select books for independent reading from the school library or from home.