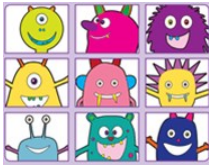


English at Gladstone Road Primary School

Phonics



In EYFS and Key Stage One the children progress through the Letters and Sounds programme. Through daily phonics sessions, children first learn to hear and then write each phoneme (sound), using single letters, pairs or groups of letters. The children use sound buttons to show the phonemes in each word. Children then learn to blend those sounds together to form the words. We remind the children to use their phoneme fingers to sound out and grab them together to blend.

Reading

Children have two sessions of guided reading a week. These sessions, help them build up their fluency when reading and their comprehension skills. The guided reading books and home readers are matched to the phonic phase which they are working on. Children also enjoy regular story sessions. We aim to fostering a love of reading and enjoyment that comes from sharing a book together. We ensure that the children explore a wide range of texts and the children love their trips to the school library. This encourages them to read for pleasure and find out about different authors.



Writing

English lessons are based around a book. This also links to topics that the children are learning about. Each book starts with a hook. This could be a visit, visitor or even a space crash! We follow a carefully planned teaching sequence which allow children to become familiar with the characters, setting, plot and storyline. Each unit builds the children's confidence to become independent writers.

Handwriting

In EYFS and Key Stage One handwriting is taught daily. The children use a tripod grip. In EYFS the children will focus on patterns of letters and then start to form these correctly. In Year One, we introduce pre-cursive and cursive handwriting. In Year Two, children begin to join their letters in a cursive style.

