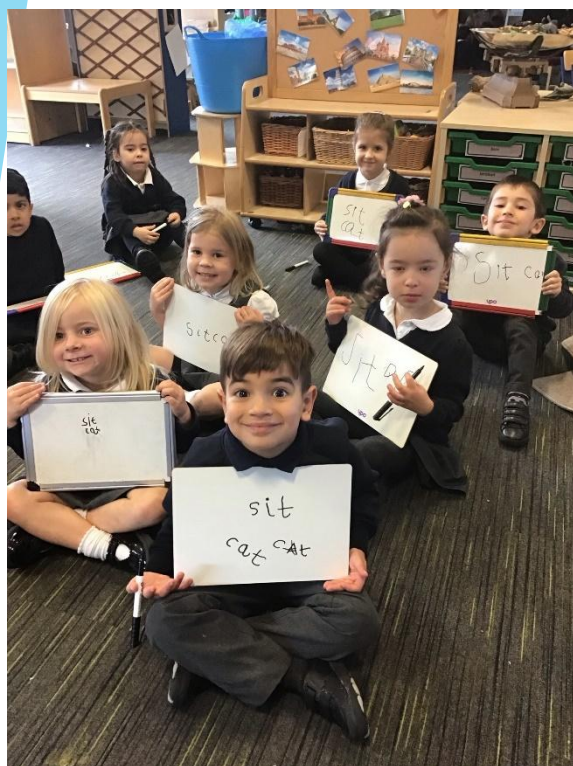
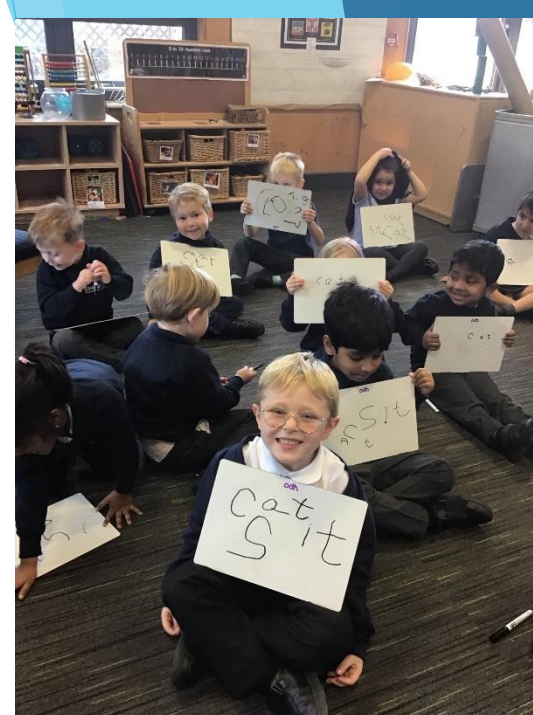


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How do we teach reading?

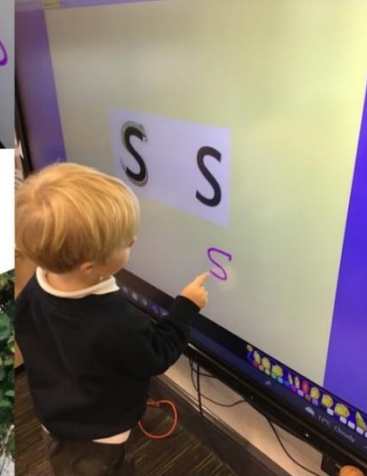
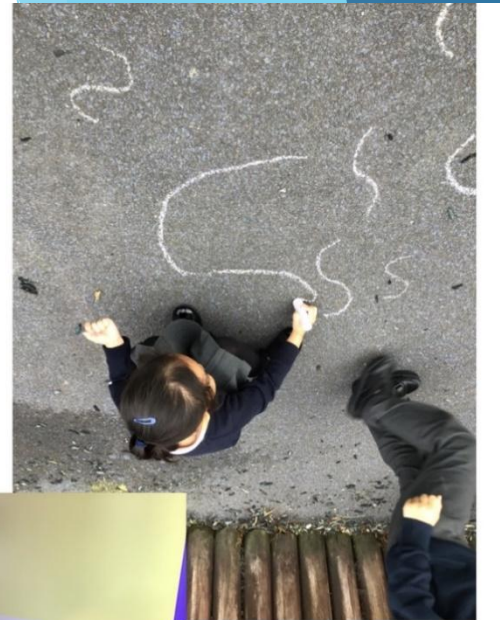
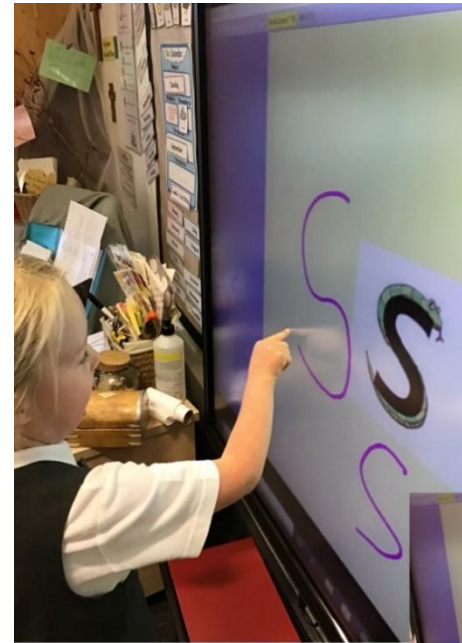
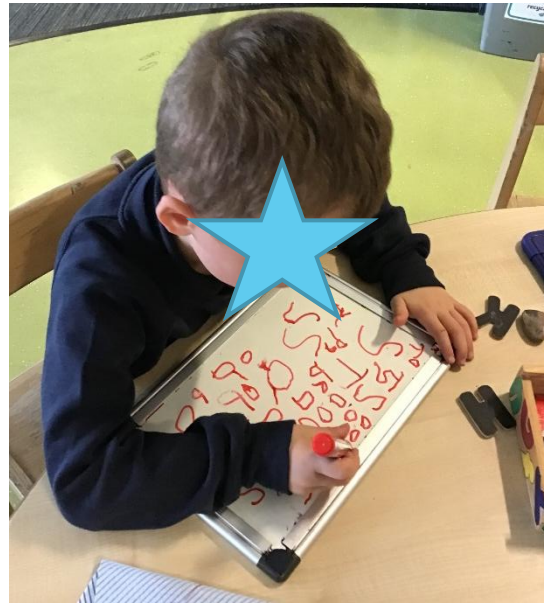
- ▶ 2 main ways -
- ▶ Phonics and whole word approach.
- ▶ Little Wandle Letters and Sounds - segmenting and blending - lots of games.
- ▶ Whole word - words to learn from sight (tricky words).
- ▶ Also look for repetition, predict events and answer questions about stories.
- ▶ Phonics lessons take place daily.
- ▶ Your child will take part in group reading sessions and 1:1 sessions with an adult.

It is super important that we say the sounds correctly as this makes it easier for them to blend.

The link below will show you how to do this..

► Phase 2 sounds taught in
Reception Autumn 1
(youtube.com)

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
 s	 snake	Show your teeth and let the s hiss out ssssss ssssss	Under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.
 a	 astronaut	Open your mouth wide and make the a sound at the back of your mouth aaa	Around the astronaut's helmet and down into space.
 t	 tiger	Open your lips; put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press ttt	From the tiger's nose to its tail, then follow the stripe across the tiger.
 p	 penguin	Bring your lips together, push them open and say ppp	Down the penguin's back, up and around its head.
 i	 iguana	Pull your lips back and make the i sound at the back of your mouth iii	Down the iguana's body, then draw a dot [on the leaf] at the top.



Fluent reading cannot just be learnt at school alone.

- ▶ Your child will receive 2 reading books a week. Each book needs to be practised at least twice at home (along with any tricky words).
- ▶ One book will be given out on a Monday, which will be swapped for a new one on Thursdays. Please make sure your child's reading book and yellow record book are in their bag every day.

Progress in Reading

- ▶ It is widely recognised that those children who read regularly make quicker and better progress than those who don't.
- ▶ We can teach the children the skills of how to read in school, but it is vital that these skills are practised at home.

What to do with your child's reading book?

- ▶ Initially, most children's books will only contain pictures. This is to support your child's speech & language skills; increase their vocabulary, develop comprehension and story-telling skills and to promote self-confidence.
- ▶ These books are colour banded Lilac & Cream.

Moving onto books containing words...

- ▶ Ask your child to point their finger under each word as they read.
- ▶ They will need to segment the words using their phonic skills e.g. 's-a-t' = 'sat'
- ▶ Can they spot some tricky words?
- ▶ Can they **blend** letter sounds to read?
- ▶ Do their guesses at words make sense when reading the rest of the sentence?
- ▶ Ask your child questions about what they have read - do they understand character's feelings? What happened?
- ▶ These books will be colour banded PINK

Top Tips For Reading Together

- ▶ Start reading as soon as possible and make it part of your daily routine. Please remember they have had a full day in school and 10 minutes is long enough to sit and focus on a reading book.
- ▶ Don't leave it until too late in the day - your child will be tired if you leave it until just before bedtime. Make sure they have a snack and rest after a full school day.
- ▶ Find a comfy place together that's without distractions such as the T.V. and mobile phones.
- ▶ Model what to do if necessary but let them 'read'.
- ▶ Be positive and as encouraging as possible.
- ▶ Let them talk about the pictures and ask questions as they go along if they want to.
- ▶ Don't substitute reading a bedtime story for listening to your child read. This is equally as important.

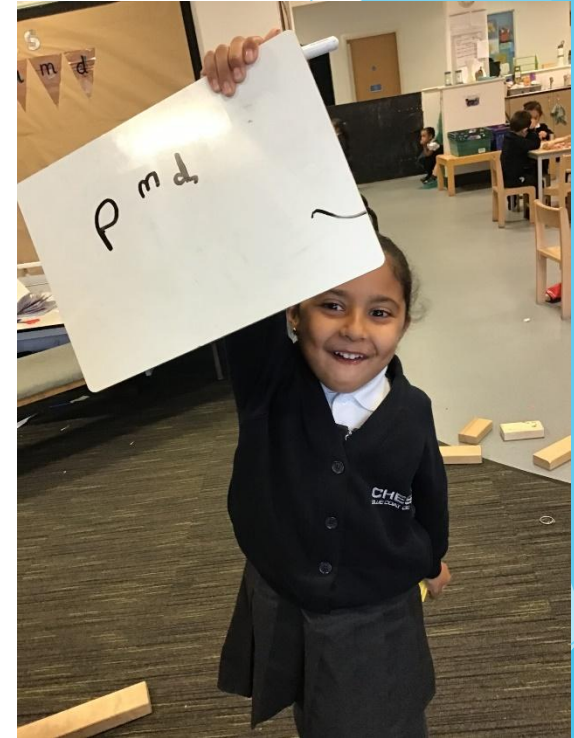
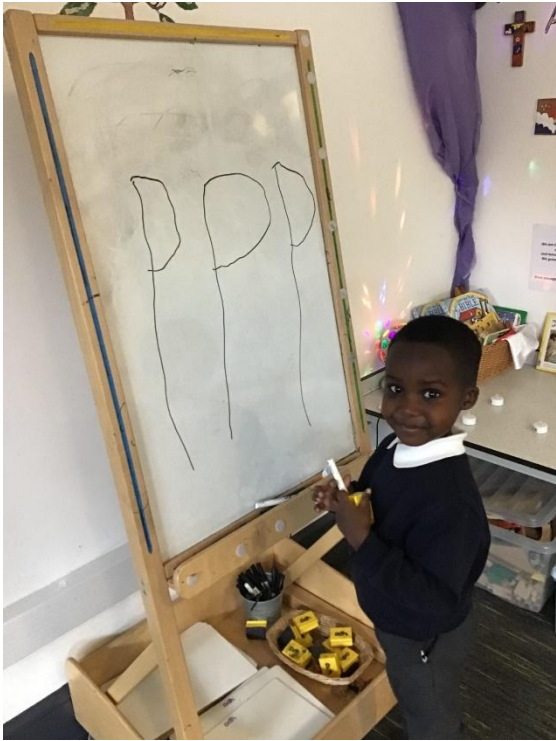
Other ways to support your child's reading at home:

- ▶ There are many online e-book and phonic libraries that are free to sign up to, including The Oxford Owl <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>
- ▶ Phonics Play and Phonics Bloom are websites that offer free phonic games to help support reading skills.

Please remember to bring the book back every week

- ▶ If books are lost or damaged there is a £5 charge.
- ▶ No water bottles to be placed in bags with reading books please.

Read! Read! Read!



Our Favourite Five - Reading Area

