

English Meeting Year 2



Aim:

To share with you...

- how we teach English, including reading, spelling and comprehension
- ideas of how you can help your child with these skills at home.



Phonics

In Reception and Year One children are taught phonics which is the method which we use to teach children to read and spell.

By the time that children reach Year 2 we expect them to have mastered the basic phonic code, and we begin to focus on more complex words and spellings.



Phonics/Spelling lessons – Year 2

Children have one daily half hour phonics/spelling lesson.

These lessons include reading and spelling words which follow the spelling rules in the Year Two curriculum.

We also teach the reading and spelling of the tricky words for Year Two.



Phonics lessons – Year 2

- Children who take longer to grasp their phonic knowledge, have **daily one-to-one** intervention in order to help them master the sounds.
- Any children who did not achieve the pass mark for the Year One Phonic Screening Check will take the screening again in June.



What next...

We learn the reading and spelling rules as identified in the National Curriculum.

For example ...

‘soft c’ as in city

‘soft g’ as in magic

‘tion’, ‘sion’ ‘sure’ as in celebration, tension, treasure

Please see the list
of all the rules in
your handout.



Spelling

We focus on one or two spelling rules a week.

In these lessons we ...

- read words which follow these patterns
- practise handwriting these patterns
- practise spelling words with these patterns – both as individual words and within sentences



Tricky Words

Some words cannot be read or spelt using phonics – we call these ‘tricky words’.

One of the phonics/spelling lessons each week is devoted to tricky words and children are given two opportunities a week to practice these during morning work.

- Examples of tricky words:

because, would, should, Mr, Mrs

We assess the children on reading and spelling both Year One and Two words every term.



Writing

When children complete written tasks, we expect them to apply the spelling rules that they have been taught in spelling lessons.

We encourage children to make the correct phonic choices when they are spelling phonic words.

liet lite light

rayn rane rain



Sounds to Spelling Chart

Sound! Start
Phonics
for letters and sounds

/s/	/a/	/t/	/p/	/i/	/n/
sad cats kiss princess house fence whistle scientist	and	tap button jumped	pan puppet	in buses waited myth	net tennis knee gnome
/m/	/d/	/g/	/o/	/k/	/e/
man hammer thumb autumn	dog hidden rained	gas nugget	hot was	cat kit duck jacket school	bed feather
/u/	/r/	/h/	/b/	/f/	/l/ and /u-l/
up love river /u-s/ jealous	red carrot wrong	hat	big rabbit	fun off alphabet	lid doll bullet little travel pencil hospital
/j/	/v/	/w/	/x/	/y/	/z/
jam magic bridge large	van have	will when	fox	yes	zip buzz buzzer is runs please sneeze /i-z/ foxes

/qu/	/ng/	/nk/	/ch/	/sh/	/th/ and /th/
quiz	king	think	chin match /ch-u/ picture	shop chef action mansion mission sugar	this moth
/ai/	/oa/	/igh/	/ee/	/or/	/ar/
rain play brave they lady eight straight	boat toe home throw go shoulder	night tie like kind my	see leaf very key these field he	corn yawn haunt all more your roar door warm dinosaur caught thought	car drama*
/oo/	/oo/	/oi/	/ur/	/ow/	/air/
look	moon blue fruit June grew you truth	coin boy	burn girl her work learn	down out	hair care bear
/ear/	/ure/	/zh/ and /zh-u/		/y-oo/	
fear cheer	pure	treasure television	collage unusual	unicorn rescue	new cute

* regional accents
may vary



Reading

- Children have daily guided reading lessons – 5 over the whole week.
 - Reading focus with a teacher
 - Reading focus with a TA
 - Re-reading previous books to build fluency
 - Non-fiction fact finding
 - Reading for enjoyment



Reading

- Children will have one reading book a week which they will read twice in school.
- The children will also visit the school library once a week and chose a reading for pleasure text to take home.

In Year Two the texts become longer and the vocabulary becomes increasingly complex.



What next...

Children will begin to read longer, more complex words ...

exceptional

We encourage children to track the letters and words with their finger as they read.



Reading

First read – focus on word reading and understanding new vocabulary.

As the texts become longer, children may not read the whole book in the lesson.

Teachers will record in the reading record book the focus from the lesson.





Before reading



Practising phonics: Phase 5

- Your child is learning that phonemes (letter sounds) can be written in different ways.
- Point and say each phoneme (letter sound) together.

/ai/ ay, ey, a-e	/oo/ ew, u-e, ou, u	/ur/ or
/ee/ ea	/ool/ oul	/ar/ a
/igh/ i-e, i	/ow/ ou	/air/ ere, are
/oa/ ow, o, oe, ou, o-e	/u/ o, o-e	/ol/ a
	/or/ our, al	

- Read the words together.

play makes shine violin golden shoulder tune chew
music would about wonderful pour work grasshopper
share

Common exception words:

to the are into my of said have little we me
were she our what be

Check understanding

- Ask your child:
 - What do these words mean?

sowing violin wonderful munched harvest tune hoe

Talk about it

- This story is a fable. Look at the cover together. Ask your child:
 - Do you know what a fable is? (*a story with a moral or lesson*)
 - What do you know about grasshoppers? (*they jump high, they make a sound with their back legs*)
 - What do you know about ants? (*they work very hard in a group*)
- Now read the book. Enjoy looking at the pictures and talking about them.

The Grasshopper and the Ants

BOLDMERE INFANT AND
NURSERY SCHOOL



Written by Pippa Goodhart
Illustrated by Juanbjuan Oliver
Collins



Reading

- After this lesson your child will take the reading book home to finish or re-read to build fluency.
- They should be able to read the book that they take home, but will need to develop fluency, comprehension and understand any new vocabulary.
- Reading fluently means they are not stopping at words to 'sound them out' or blend them.



Reading

At home ...

- Read the book again together.
- Track the text with finger
- Encourage your child to read with fluency – re-read sentences if needed
- Encourage your child to read with expression – model to your child
- Discuss any new vocabulary that is in the book



Reading

At home ...

- After you have read, please write in your child's blue reading record.
- Eg ...
 - We practised reading with fluency;
 - We practised reading with expression
 - We talked about some of the new words ...
 - ...(Name)... *did really well at reading* ...



Reading

Second read – focus on fluency, expression and comprehension.

In this second reading lesson, we expect children to have increased in fluency since the first lesson. **This is why the practice at home is so important!**

During the lesson, we practice reading with fluency and expression so that children have a greater understanding of the text.

Once children have gained fluency and expression, we can focus on comprehension skills.



Whole-class reading lessons

As the children become competent at word reading we begin whole class reading lessons which focus primarily on developing vocabulary and comprehension skills.



Comprehension

- At a basic level we encourage children to retell the story and sequence the key events. However, comprehension is much more than this.
- When developing comprehension skills we ...

make connections,
clarify,
predict,
evaluate,
infer and
locate information.



Make connections

Can you think of any other stories with a giant in. How was this giant the same/different to the Smartest Giant?

Clarify

Can you explain why George has to hop back to the shop at the end of the story?

Predict

Where do you think the Giraffe has come from?
After the book finishes do you think George will keep his old clothes and sandals or try to find some more new clothes?

Evaluate

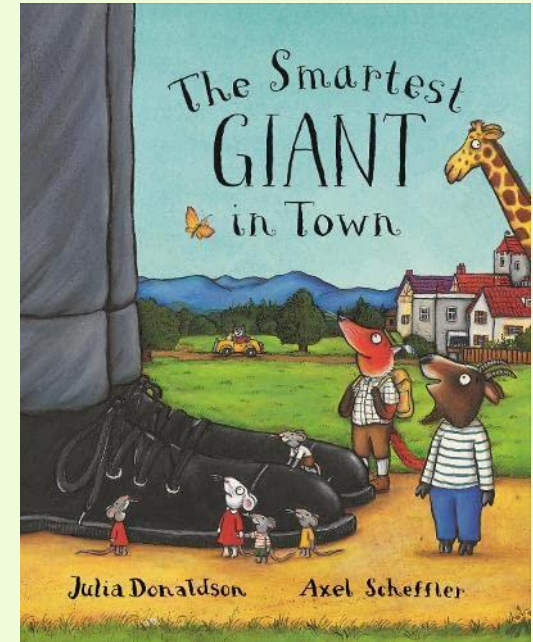
What did you like about the story?
Can you think of an alternative title for the story?

Infer

Describe how George is feeling when he puts his old clothes back on?
Why do you think George might be singing to himself when he has put on all his new clothes?

Locate information

What does George always wear?
What gifts do the animals give to George at the end of the story?



Reading

- Re-reading texts is important for building children's confidence, fluency, vocabulary and understanding.
- Children re-read previous reading books in one reading lesson each week.
- Re-reading books at home supports this.
- Please send your child's reading book and record into school EVERY day!



Reading for enjoyment

We aim for our children to enjoy reading and we build this culture in school with lots of opportunities for reading.

- Weekly visits to the school library
- Daily story time with class teacher or Teaching Assistant.
- Book corners in every classroom
- Books which are carefully matched so that children achieve success quickly.
- Opportunities for reading in all areas of the curriculum



Reading for enjoyment at home

- Make the most of other books from the library or home.
- Bedtime reading with your child.
- Text around us e.g. signs, iPads, food labels...
- School library. - Please keep book in book bag and then children are able to swap every week.
- Birmingham library
- Reading doesn't just involve books!



Reading diaries

- Although your child will take home a reading book, you can record **ANY READING** in the reading diary – it does not need to be a reading book.
- Comments do not always need to be focused on a skill in reading. Enjoyment and opinions are as important.
- Please send these into school with your child's reading book **EVERY DAY!**



HINTS AND TIPS

In an ideal world ...

- Find a comfortable place.
- Reduce distractions (eg turn off the TV/tablets and try to find a quiet place in the house!)
- Try to read at a time when neither of you are too tired!
- Little and often works best.
- Most importantly ... enjoy!

