

# Phonics

## HOW WE TEACH PHONICS

We follow the Letters and Sounds programme. This is a phonics programme in which individual letters or letter sounds are 'blended' to form groups of letters or sounds, and those groups are then blended to form complete words.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (where required) take part in a daily phonics session. These focus on developing reading, writing and speaking and listening skills.

Children are also taught to read and spell 'tricky words' - words with spellings that are unusual. These include the words 'to', 'was', 'said' and 'the'. 'Tricky words' are ones that we can't sound - so these words just need to be remembered.

We use a range of resources and strategies to teach phonics and these vary depending on the cohort at the time but may include:- Jolly Phonics, LCP, the PAT programme, Phonics Play, various iPad apps.