

Reading and Phonics at Wainstalls School

Phonics

At Wainstalls School, very early reading begins with wordless books to encourage discussion around a story. Once our children have enough phonic knowledge they move to the early book bands, which can be decoded using phonics skills and knowledge. Through the teaching of synthetic phonics, pupils are systematically taught the phonemes (sounds), how to blend the sounds all through the word for reading and how to segment the sounds in order to write words. They are taught to use their phonic skills and knowledge as their first approach to reading, but are also taught high frequency words which do not completely follow the phonic rules.

The school follows the government published programme “Letters and Sounds” using a variety of high quality resources which supports us in providing a multi-sensory approach to learning phonics.

Reading Scheme

Our main reading scheme is Oxford Reading Tree. Oxford Reading Tree is the UK’s number one reading programme. It has well-loved-characters and fine levelling that helps develop children into competent and confident readers. At Wainstalls School, all our reading books are colour banded. Your child will be given a colour band to choose their reading book from, which will help to ensure that the book they select is at the right reading level for them. Every colour band includes books from Oxford Reading Tree as well as a range of other reading schemes so that they will experience a range of stories, text types and illustrations. Other published schemes, include Rigby Star, Big Cat Collins and Pearson’s Bug Club.

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