



## Feedback from children about Early Reading and Phonics in KS1 July 2023

### General questions about Early Reading and/or Phonics

<b>What is Phonics about?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*We learn to spell and learn letters.</li><li>*We learn about spelling and grammar.</li><li>*Learning phonics helps us to learn and read well.</li><li>*It helps us learn to read, reading is important.</li></ul>
<b>Why are Reading and Phonics important?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*It will help us when we are older, if we go to a café we can read the menu and choose what we would like.</li><li>*It is important because it means I can go to the library and enjoy books.</li><li>*It will help when we are grown up if we want to go to university or college.</li></ul>
<b>Tell me about your favourite part of phonics lessons.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Reading all the different words and sounds.</li><li>*Reading the sentences on the board.</li><li>*Writing the words or the sentence at the end of the session.</li></ul>
<b>How do you know if you are doing well in Phonics?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*The teacher will smile at us.</li><li>*We will be told we are doing well by the teacher.</li><li>*Our work will be ticked.</li><li>*Reading gets easier if we are doing well.</li></ul>
<b>What happens if you are finding Phonics difficult?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*We can sound out words to try and break them up.</li><li>*The teachers can help us.</li><li>*We can use the Grow the Code chart.</li><li>*We can use the alphabet on the wall.</li></ul>
<b>What do you need to do to improve your learning in Early Reading and Phonics?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Read more at home.</li><li>*Read more books.</li><li>*Go to the library more often.</li><li>*Practise my spellings at home.</li></ul>
<b>What can you tell me about some of the work you have done in Early Reading and Phonics lately?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*We did the <b>mb</b> sound today.</li><li>*We have read lots of books and looked for sounds in lots of different books.</li><li>*We have looked at apostrophes, commas and verbs.</li></ul>
<b>How does Early Reading and Phonics help you in other lessons or link to other areas of school?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*It helps us get better at everything else.</li><li>*Our spelling in other subjects gets better.</li><li>*It helps us read books and if we need to read books about history or geography then we can.</li></ul>

### Subject specific questions

<b>Can you explain what these terms mean?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Phoneme – sounds we can hear.</li><li>*Grapheme – how you write a sound.</li><li>*Digraph – two letters, one sound.</li><li>*Trigraph – three letters, one sound.</li><li>*Blending – putting the sounds together to make a word.</li><li>*Segmenting – sounding out (children needed some prompting with this)</li></ul>

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**Can you tell me about some of your favourite books or what you have been reading lately?**

- \*We read Journey by Aaron Becker.
- \*I like Jacqueline Wilson books.
- \*I love Julia Donaldson, she wrote the Gruffalo and Room on the Broom.
- \*I read fairy stories like the Gingerbread Man and Little Red Riding Hood.
- \*We read Roald Dahl in class, I liked George's Marvellous Medicine and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

**Action to take as a result of Pupil Feedback on Early Reading and Phonics**

- \*Continue to provide children with opportunities in phonics.
- \*Continue to promote a love of reading with children and encourage the sharing and enjoying of books both within and outside the classroom.
- \*Further reinforce the meaning of terminology such as phoneme, grapheme, segmenting and blending which may help children to give more secure explanations.

**Next Pupil Feedback review: Summer Term 2024**

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*Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12*