

At Allesley Primary School, we pride ourselves in the delivery of excellent phonics teaching (a way of teaching children to read and write). We aim to support each child, so that they can read fluently and confidently as well as enriching their vocabulary and, most importantly, develop a love of reading.



To deliver phonics, we use the Floppy's Phonics Programme. It allows for daily, focused phonics provision for all children in EYFS and Year One and uses a variety of content-rich resources.



The Floppy's Phonics programme teaches the letter/s-sound correspondences of the English alphabetic code explicitly and comprehensively for reading and spelling. It includes the characters of Floppy, Biff, Chip and Kipper, along with their family and friends. The characters help to engage children with phonics teaching and learning, vocabulary enrichment and language comprehension. These familiar characters are then linked to the children's reading books which support the sounds the children are learning.

Initially, in Nursery, the children's listening skills are developed through the use of music, environmental sounds and rhyme. During their journey through Reception and Key Stage 1, they are taught the 44 phonemes (sounds) that make up all the sounds required for reading and spelling. These phonemes include those represented by just one letter 'b as in bed' and those that are represented by two 'ai as in rain' or three letters 'igh as in high'.

Children are taught the key skills of blending and segmenting to be able to read and write.



As the children grow in confidence and become more experienced, they are introduced to alternative ways of representing the same sound, e.g. 'ai' can be represented as 'ai as in rain', 'ay as in play', 'a-e as in cake' and 'a as in apron'. They also learn when to apply simple spelling rules and use verbs in the correct tense.

We ensure that our teaching of phonics is rigorous, structured and enjoyable. In Reception, Year 1 and some of Year 2, children have discrete, daily phonics sessions where they are introduced to new phonemes, explore, practise and revise previous learning and have plenty of opportunities to apply the knowledge they have learnt.

Useful videos:

Watch this animation about phonics and understand the key aspects of learning to read using phonics.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42jb6PopZCI>

To show how to pronounce pure sounds and how to blend:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/phonics-videos/>