

In Class 1, phonics is taught using the Jolly Phonics scheme. This is a fun approach to learning with children being taught actions and songs for each of the 42 letter sounds. The sounds are taught in a specific order (shown below). This enables children to begin building words as early as possible.

1. s, a, t, i, p, n
2. c k, e, h, r, m, d
3. g, o, u, l, f, b
4. ai, j, oa, ie, ee, or
5. z, w, ng, v, oo, oo
6. y, x, ch, sh, th, th
7. qu, ou, oi, ue, er, ar

Through Jolly Phonics we teach children the five key skills for reading and writing:

#### 1.Learning the letter sounds

Children are taught the 42 main letter sounds. This includes alphabet sounds as well as digraphs such as sh, th, ai and ue.

#### 2.Learning letter formation

Using different multi-sensory methods, children learn how to form and write the letters.

#### 3.Blending

Children are taught how to blend the sounds together to read and write new words.

#### 4.Identifying the sounds in words (Segmenting)

Listening for the sounds in words gives children the best start for improving spelling.

#### 5.Tricky words

Tricky words have irregular spellings and children learn these separately.