

Phonics and Reading Scheme

In school we teach phonics using the Read Write Inc. teaching programme. We also use a range of software and websites which include the PhonicsPlay. As children move through the early stages of acquiring phonics, they practise by reading texts which are entirely decodable. At the end of Year 1 children take the Government reading test and the results are reported to parents. Any child that does not meet the standards expected in the test can repeat the test in Year 2.

The Reading Scheme at Huish Episcopi Primary

The aim of the reading scheme is to produce competent readers who read for enjoyment and also for discovery about the world around us.

We use a variety of different reading schemes including Oxford Reading Tree, Rigby Star, Bug Clubs and Read Write Inc. group reading resources. Initially, children are taught using decodable reading books. The teaching programme ensures that what is taught meets the Government expectations.

The books are “banded” so that books of comparable level are grouped together. This provides for depth and consolidation for our children as they are learning to read.

As the children develop their confidence and fluency they become more independent and are moved on to ‘Accelerated reader’. This is an online reading resource which assesses children, tracks progress and helps them to select books from class reading schemes at an appropriate level. The children take online quizzes once they have completed their books. Parents and teachers can login to children’s records to see the progress they are making. Logins and passwords for each child are set at the start of each school year.

Home Connect: <https://Ukhosted22.renlearn.co.uk/2231930/HomeConnect>

Right from the start, children are urged to join the local library and trips are arranged each school year. They are also encouraged to participate in the library summer reading challenge. Parents/carers are expected to play an active role in supporting their child’s reading by supporting our home reading programme. Reading workshops are organised to support this process.

As part of our pledge to this partnership, children are given a book bag on arrival at the school.