



Reading Workshop

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Jolly Phonics



- ▶ Teaches not just the alphabet, but the 42 main sounds of English
- ▶ Teaches sounds in seven groups
- ▶ Each sound has an action which helps children remember the letter that it represents
- ▶ Introduces *b* and *d* in different groups to help avoid confusion
- ▶ Starts with the sounds *s, a, t, l, p, n*

Sight Words

- ▶ Sight Words or (High Frequency Words) are a list of words that readers are encouraged to recognize without having to "figure them out." it is important for your child to learn sight words because these are the words that are most frequently used in the English Language and they therefore provide an essential starting point for learning to become a confident reader.

Reading in School

- ▶ Children read both independently and in groups (known as Guided Reading)
- ▶ Books read are recorded in individual Reading Record books
- ▶ Levels are chosen after careful assessment by the teacher
- ▶ A variety of schemes are used to give the children a wide range of reading material
- ▶ Children are reading a lot more than you think in the school day!

Supporting reading at home

- ▶ Be positive and give your child lots of praise!
- ▶ Discuss the cover, title and blurb before starting the story
- ▶ Listen to your child reading every night
- ▶ Take turns at reading!
- ▶ Ask your child to re-tell the story, or predict how the story will end
- ▶ Use parental notes from some of the reading books

Encourage your child to read the books more than once!

Online and interactive books

- ▶ Now it is possible to read books online.
Some excellent links to websites include:
- ▶ www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk
- ▶ <http://jstorypage.com/>
- ▶ <http://www.storyplace.org/>
- ▶ <http://video.about.com/childrensbooks/Reading.htm>
- ▶ <http://www.magickeys.com/books/>



Boys and Books



- ▶ Many boys think that reading is not cool!
- ▶ Boys love books full of action, excitement, mystery, fantasy and adventure.
- ▶ Non-fiction books are very popular.
- ▶ The more boys are encouraged, the higher their achievement will be.

Creating a Reading Environment at Home



- ▶ Make reading materials available
- ▶ Be reading role models
- ▶ Read aloud to children
- ▶ Encourage personal libraries
- ▶ Create interesting places to read
- ▶ Limit television, computers and video games