

Year 1

Family learning 2025

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Helping your child



as a reader.

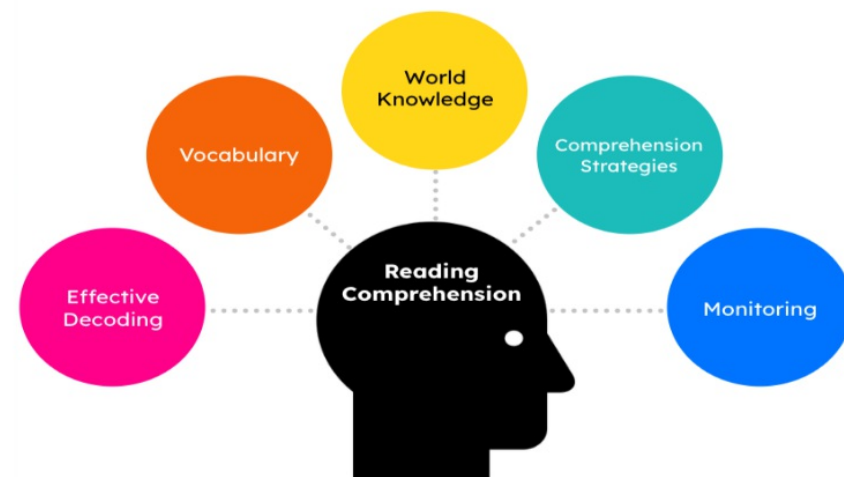
Welcome parents and carers. Today we'll look at how Year 1 children learn to read, why phonics and spoken language matter, and how you can help at home.

The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
LEARN,
the MORE places you'll go.



Why Reading Matters in Year 1

- Builds confidence and independence
- Supports learning across all subjects
- Expands vocabulary and imagination
- Helps children express themselves clearly



Spoken Language Comes First

- Reading grows from speaking and listening
- Children need strong vocabulary to understand stories
- Conversations help with sentence structure and comprehension
- Storytelling builds memory and understanding



What Is Phonics?

- A method of teaching children the sounds of letters
 - Children learn to blend sounds to read words
 - They learn to segment sounds to spell
 - Systematic and daily in Year 1



Grow the code grapheme mat Phase 2, 3 and 5

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How Phonics Works in School

- Daily phonics lessons
- Review of previous sounds
- Learning new sounds and tricky words
- Reading and writing using the new sound




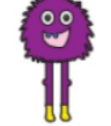


Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

- Takes place in June
- One-to-one with teacher
- 40 words: some real, some 'alien' words
- Shows how well children can decode



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Types of Books Children Read

- Decodable books matched to phonics level
- Storybooks for enjoyment and vocabulary
 - Non-fiction to build knowledge



Developing Comprehension

- Understanding the meaning behind the words
 - Predicting, questioning, explaining
 - Talking about characters, settings, events
 - Building background knowledge



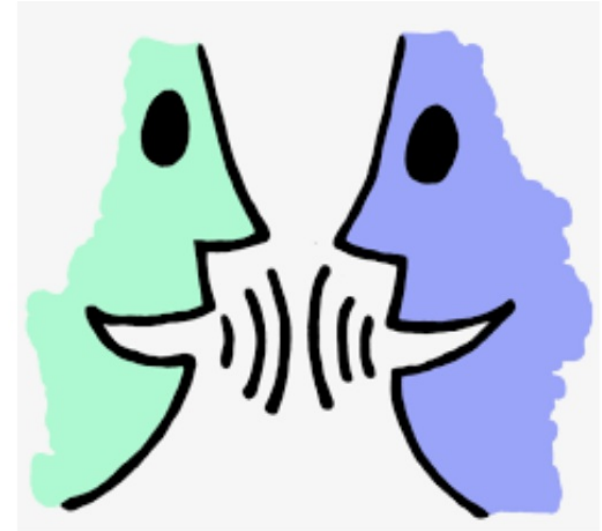
COMPREHENSION



I understand
what I read.

How We Support Children (in school)

- Guided reading groups
 - Daily phonics
- Targeted interventions if needed
- Lots of opportunities for talk



How You Can Help at Home

- Read with your child daily
- Use the school's phonics pronunciation guide
- Talk about the story: "Why do you think...?"
 - Celebrate effort, not perfection



Reading at Home: Practical Tips

- Little and often (5–10 minutes)
- Let them point to words as they read
 - Encourage them to blend sounds
- Re-read books to build fluency (reading automatically)
 - Model expressive reading



Supporting Spoken Language

- Talk during everyday routines
- Play “I Spy” or describing games
- Encourage speaking in full sentences
- Correct mispronounced words/ sounds
 - Learn new words together



What to Do If Your Child Struggles

- Stay calm and reassuring
- Break words into sounds
 - Praise small steps
 - Ask school for guidance
- Keep sessions short and positive



Resources You Can Use

- School reading books
- Online phonics videos/pronunciation guides (make sure it has the correct pronunciation, not american)
 - Local library
- Simple games: word hunts, phonics apps (optional/limited)

Final Thoughts

- Reading is a partnership
- Daily practice makes a big difference
- Talk, read, enjoy language together
 - We're here to help!

