



Phonics and Early Reading



Decodable Texts

Decodable readers are used in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Chosen texts contain the phonetic code that the children have been exposed to; therefore, children are able to read most of the words in the text by applying their phonic knowledge. This also helps to consolidate the skills and sounds learnt from Sounds-Write phonics sessions.

Reception pupils read their decodable texts once a week to an adult in school. Year 1 and Year 2 pupils read their decodable texts independently every day and read at least once a week to an adult in school. Reading and re-reading their decodable texts as much as possible throughout the week builds confidence and improves reading fluency.

Children who require additional support read more than once a week to an adult in school.



Reading Buddies

Our year 1 pupils have year 5 "Reading Buddies". Our older pupils support our younger pupils by listening to them read their decodable texts at a designated time each week.



Reading At Home

Parents and carers are encouraged to listen to their children read their decodable texts daily at home too. Each class has a Reading Reward Chart. For every day that a child reads at home, they move up the chart. Children can win prizes as they move up the chart, as a reward for their dedication to reading at home.

Family Phonics

We run popular EYFS and KSI Family Phonics Workshops annually for grown-ups. Parents, grandparents and other relatives find out how phonics is taught in school and learn how they can support their children at home. They are given the opportunity to take part in Sounds-Write lessons alongside their children, as well as taking part in other fun, phonics activities throughout the morning.



	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
Family Phonics Workshop Attendance	54% Year 2 86% Year 1 59% Reception 57% Nursery	89% Year 1 54% Reception 50% Nursery	N/A	36% Reception 53% Nursery	53% Reception 45% Nursery

Jarrow Focus Library Visits

Every term, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 visit Jarrow Focus Library. Our youngest pupils are taught how to borrow and return books. Children select books that they would like to take back to their class library.

