



## Phonics At Kirkby and Great Broughton CE VA Primary School

Phonics is taught throughout school from Reception to Year 6. Although the main focus of the learning takes place in EYFS and Key Stage One, teaching continues into Key Stage Two and where appropriate all the way to Year 6. We teach synthetic phonics and use a range of resources to support such learning. Our main phonic schemes are Letter and Sounds and Jolly Phonics.

Phonics is the study of letters and sounds and these are the building blocks which are used by most children to develop reading, writing and spelling skills. Knowing and being able to use letter sounds is vital for both reading and writing - if you do not know your letter sounds these skills are impossible to master. Learning to use letter sounds is difficult.

Decoding new words for reading and splitting them for spelling are skills that, as adults, most of us do naturally without having to think about it. This is not the case for children; therefore it is vitally important that we teach it systematically and consistently.

Phonics is taught in differentiated groups which can be mixed year groups where appropriate. Children are taught in small groups by teachers and teaching assistants and assessed regularly

Please note that there are a range of interventions and resources in place to support children with special needs, in all areas of the school.