

## **Phonics and Reading schemes**

The Prince of Wales School follows a structured approach to the teaching of early reading skills to enable children to become fluent readers with a love of books.

In our Reception and Year 1 classes this involves the following;

- we follow the Letters and Sounds scheme and aim for all Reception children to achieve Phase 3 and for all Year 1 children to attain Phase 5
- we assess children's progress regularly and systematically so that teaching is targeted
- we use interactive whiteboard programmes to reinforce phonics and early reading skills as well as ICT programmes accessed independently by children
- children are taught to read on a daily basis in small groups based upon prior ability
- we use phonic based schemes for these group reading sessions which are approved by the government. These are Floppy's Phonics (Oxford Reading Tree), Project X and Rigby Star Phonics
- in addition, children access our library to choose a non-fiction book every week to take home
- they also choose up to 3 books from our fiction library to encourage a love of reading

In 2012 and 2013 in the Year 1 Phonics check, our classes attained significantly above the national and Dorset average for successfully reading at least 32 out of the 40 words. We believe this is due to our consistent, regular and systematic approach