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Jolly Phonics

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Seven Mills, we are always striving to provide our children with the best education possible. To further support and develop our children's early reading, we have decided to introduce a new phonics scheme called Jolly Phonics. This scheme allows an exciting, multi-sensory approach to learning phonics that has been proved to improve children's reading. The programme involves stories, songs and actions to help children learn sounds and in turn be able to apply this knowledge to read words. We have uploaded the songs and actions to the school website so you will be able to support your children at home.

Books

The scheme also comes with phonetically decodable books. Simply, this means that every word in the book can be sounded out. These are books that the children will be able to read using the phonics sounds they have learnt that week. Your child will get two books sent home each week, which will be changed twice per week:

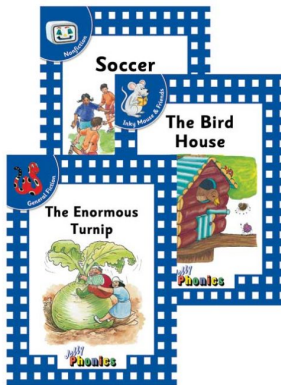
- One book is phonetically decodable and matches the sounds children are learning that week in class.
- The other is to develop children's comprehension and is at the right level for the child.

It is essential that your children read these books everyday to you.

This is an example of what the phonics books will look like in Reception:



This is an example of what the phonics books will look like in Year One:



Parent sessions

There are two parent sessions to support reading at home this half term. These will give you more information about Jolly Phonics and how to best help your child to read. The dates are listed below:

Phonics for EYFS and Year One - Thursday 25th November 9-10.30 in the school hall.

Early Reading for EYFS - Thursday 2nd December 9-10.00 in the school hall.

If you have any other questions in regards to phonics, do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child's class teacher.

Thank you

Rosie