

Phonics at Cam Hopton C of E Primary School

Phonics is a way of teaching children to read quickly and skilfully. They are taught how to:

- recognise the sounds that each individual letter makes;
- identify the sounds that different combinations of letters make - such as /sh/ or /oo/; and
- blend these sounds together from left to right to make a word.

Children can then use this knowledge to 'de-code' new words that they hear or see. This is the first important step in learning to read.

Research shows that when Phonics is taught in a structured way – starting with the easiest sounds and progressing through to the most complex – it is the most effective way of teaching young children to read.

It is particularly helpful for children aged 5 to 7. Almost all children who receive good teaching of phonics will learn the skills they need to tackle new words. They can then go on to read any kind of text fluently and confidently, and to read for enjoyment.

At Cam Hopton C of E Primary School, we teach Phonics using Twinkl Phonics which is underpinned by 'Letters and Sounds'. This is organised into six Phonic phases which your child progresses through as their reading ability improves. The programme is taught progressively across classes and supports pupils through their phonics journey as they move up through the school years. Phonics is taught daily in short sessions so that children build up and practise their skills.

Phonics Resources

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/> The approach to Phonics that we follow.

Twinkl Letters & Sounds: A Guide to Phonics