

SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Literacy Curriculum

Writing

At Springfield to support our teaching of Literacy we provide a language-rich environment. Learning walls are situated in every classroom which support children through the process of writing. Children's writing is given quality feedback from their class teacher so they have clear guidelines of how to improve and modify their writing. Children are assessed on their writing against the Sheffield STAT assessment steps in line with the New Curriculum 2014.

Phonics

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 combinations of letters make such as 'oo' and 'sh'; they are taught how to blend sounds together from left to right to make a word such as sh-o-p=shop. Children are then able to use this knowledge to decode new words that they hear or see. Throughout the school we follow the 'Letters and Sounds' programme for phonics, this is supported by resources from Phonicsplay.co.uk and the visual, auditory and kinaesthetic approach from the actions and songs of Jolly Phonics. Each year, the Year 1 children are required to take a Statutory Reading screening test.

Links to phonics learning websites:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Reading

Our school reading scheme is 'Bug Club' by Pearson books. We have a vast range of titles covering all abilities to support the teaching of reading throughout the school. Bug club books are also available online, where children are allocated books by their class teacher to read at home and independent time in school. Children are assessed on their reading against Reading Recovery book levels and the Sheffield STAT assessment steps in line with the New Curriculum 2014. Home reading journals are used to record reading at home. Pupils are expected to read 5 days or more each week in order to help them progress and practise the skills they are taught in formal reading sessions in school.

Links to Bug club websites:

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

and log on with your child's username and password.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG)

Pupils are given spellings to learn for homework. These will either be spelling patterns e.g. **action**, **mention**, **education** or commonly used high frequency words. These words are taken from lists from the National Curriculum 2014 appropriate for your child's ability or age group.

SPaG is assessed each year and a National statutory assessment takes place at the end of Year 2 and Year 6.