

CROCKERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHING OF PHONICS

Phonics is a way of teaching children to read quickly and skillfully. Children 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.

At Crockerton we use 'Letters and Sounds' to support our teaching of phonics.

The Letters and Sounds document has six distinct phases and sets out the order in which graphemes and phonemes should be learnt. It also identifies 'tricky words' and high frequency words that children need to be able to read and spell. Within our teaching of phonics we ensure that the requirements of the New National Curriculum are met by adapting the teaching of Phase 5 and 6 to ensure explicit teaching of spelling, grammar and punctuation.

We make good use of our outdoor area to promote an active approach to learning phonics and use Jolly Phonics actions to consolidate sounds taught. Outdoor learning is key to the teaching of phonics in the Early Years. Phonics is taught on a daily basis in Key Stage One and each lesson includes four elements: revise, teach, practise and apply.

YEAR ONE PHONICS SCREENING TEST INFORMATION

The Phonics Screening Check is a Department for Education assessment to make sure that all pupils have learned phonic decoding to an appropriate standard by the age of 6.

The [phonics screening check](#) is a short, simple assessment. **All year 1 pupils in maintained schools, academies and free schools must complete the check.**

The phonics check will help teachers identify the children who need extra help so they can receive the support they need to improve their reading skills. These children will then be able to retake the check in year 2.

The check comprises a list of 40 words and non-words that the child read one-to-one with a teacher.

Follow the link below to find out more about the Phonics Screening Check:
<http://www.theschoolrun.com/year-1-phonics-screening-check>