

The Teaching of Phonics at Buxton Primary School

The teaching of synthetic phonics at Buxton Primary school follows the Letters and Sounds scheme. Teachers in early years and Key Stage 1 use this detailed and systematic programme with the aim that children can become fluent readers by the time they reach the age of 7.

Although the Letters and Sounds document is our prime approach, children in early years are introduced to new graphemes using rhymes and actions from the Jolly Phonics scheme. Children in reception and key stage 1 are taught a 25 minute discrete phonics session each day. Phonics assessments are carried out by the class teachers at the end of each term. These assessments are used to track progress and inform planning and grouping of children.

The experience and expertise of teachers and teaching assistants allows us to stream our teaching of phonics, ensuring that children are taught phonics at an appropriate level that both matches **and** challenges their ability. As well as daily phonics sessions, year 2 also follow a Read Write Inc. spelling programme for 15 minutes each day which coincides with spelling and grammar rules taught within phase 6.