

Phonics at English Martyrs Primary School

At English Martyrs Primary School we use a systematic phonics programme called Letters and Sounds, which links to our reading scheme, alongside Support for Spelling.



Letters and Sounds is divided into six phases, with each phase building on the skills and knowledge of previous learning. There are no big leaps in learning. Children have time to practise and rapidly expand their ability to read and spell words. They are also taught to read and spell 'tricky words', which are words with spellings that are unusual or that children have not yet been taught. When they are ready, children progress from books without words to simple stories with words and sounds. Progress from then on is usually rapid!

Phonics is taught daily, in a fun way, with an emphasis on multi-sensory teaching. Children learn an action, song, handwriting and games to accompany each phoneme.

