

Phonics

What is phonics and how do we teach it at West Hampstead?

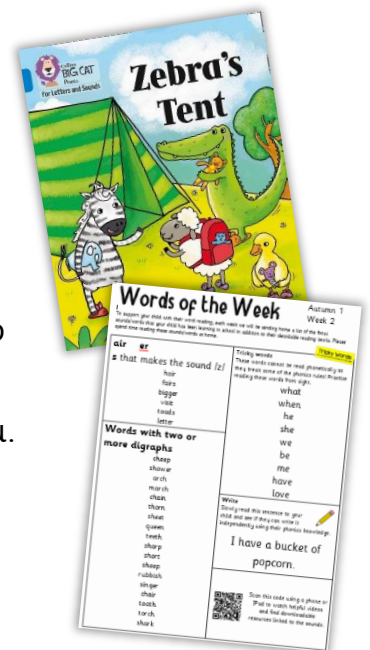


Phonics is the method of learning to read by correlating sounds with letters/sets of letters. At West Hampstead, we use a scheme called **Little Wandle Letters & Sounds Revised** to teach phonics in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

- Children have **daily phonics lessons** that increase in length from Reception – Year 2
- All teachers and support staff have a **consistent approach** and use of resources
- We follow a progression that enables children to **build their knowledge and begin reading and writing simple words**, phrases and sentences as soon as possible.
- Lots of opportunity for **repeated practice** within the classroom provision

Supporting at home

- **Daily reading practice using the decodable book provided by the class teacher** (recommended 3 times per book). This will correlate with sounds and tricky words that children have learnt in school.
- **'Words of the week' handout.** Give your child opportunity to revise the sounds they have learnt in school that week. Display the sounds/words and encourage them to read them back to you. Writing practice using the sounds/words of the week will also benefit your child.



Guidance and further information

- littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

Support for phonics

How we teach

Support for reading

- Class teacher, Alex Efford (Phonics lead) or Aran Huseyin (Phase Leader)