



Phonics and Early Reading

In line with the latest evidence based research into the way young children learn to read, we have made significant changes to the way in which we use and issue reading books for all children who are learning phonics at the school and have purchased many new, decodable reading books.

Project aims:

To ensure that all books used to develop reading skills directly match the phonics knowledge that the pupils are being taught.

To increase fluency of reading by using books that only have phonics that the children are secure with and that build on prior learning.

Rational:

Our existing scheme needed more books to support learning at Stage 2-3
Our existing scheme had a number of books at each level that did not match the phonics being taught.

Many books in our existing scheme did not align with our DfE Validated Floppy's Phonics scheme of learning.

'reading books should show a cumulative progression in phonics knowledge'

'Reading books should closely match the phonics knowledge that pupils are being taught and you should offer them plenty of opportunities to practise reading and re-reading the grapheme-phoneme correspondences that they have learned'

(New 2019 Ofsted Framework)



All our scheme reading books are phonetically matched to the correct Floppy's Phonics Stage. Children should know all the phonemes in the books they are given. Each Stage also has Floppy's Phonics Sounds books to be used for teaching, consolidation and intervention, alongside the online Floppy's Phonics resources which can be access on all laptops and iPads.

Order of books:

Level 1 (Stage 1 Floppy's Phonics)

Wordless books

Level 1 + (Stage 1+ Floppy's Phonics)

First: Floppy's Phonics Decoding Practise Level 1+ in order as sounds learnt
Further practice: Bug Club and/or Hero Academy

Level 2 (Stage 2 Floppy's Phonics)

First: Floppy's Phonics Decoding Practise Level 2 in order as sounds learnt
Further practice: Word Sparks Level 2 and/or Hero Academy

Level 3 (Stage 3 Floppy's Phonics)

First: Floppy's Phonics Decoding Practise Level 3 in order as sounds learnt
Further practice: Word Sparks Level 3 and/or Hero Academy Level 3

Level 4 - (Stage 3 Floppy's Phonics and consonant clusters)

First: Floppy's Phonics Decoding Practise Level 4 (The Camping Trip/Fantastic Things...)
Further practice: Hero Academy Level 4 and/or Floppy's Phonics Fiction Level 4

THEN: Stage 4 Floppy's Phonics- preparation for Phase 5)

First: Remaining titles from Floppy's Phonics Decoding Practise Level 4

When children are secure with all Stage 5 Floppy's Phonics and are reading with fluency from Stage 4 books they can progress to Level 5 books:

First: Floppy's Phonics Decoding Practise Level 5

Then: Hero Academy Level 5 and/or Floppy's Phonics Fiction Level 5

The Floppy's Phonics Decodable readers can be used as further practise books for group reading, as an alternative to the Sounds books and issued to take home as sounds are taught for children who are reading fluently within all sounds that are taught, otherwise books will be issued at the correct fluency level, which for many children will be the level below their current phonics learning stage.

Traditional Tales books are used at the end of each Phonics Stage for Guided Reading group fluency practice.