

Gawber Primary School's Phonics Promise



At Gawber, we believe that the teaching of systematic synthetic phonics is essential from the very beginning of FS2 and is at the heart of teaching all children how to read and write.

Phonics Programme

Throughout FS2 and KS1, daily phonics sessions are taught following the Read, Write, INC programme. Throughout the day, phonics is revisited regularly in order to embed new sounds and ensure that previous learning is consolidated. When accessing any other sessions, the children are encouraged to apply their phonics skills.

Catch Up Quickly

In every session, children's individual needs are monitored closely in order to ensure that any child who appears to be falling behind is given targeted support from our highly trained staff. This support could be in a small group or on a one to one basis. For children who need additional reminders about particular sounds or tricky words, staff around school encourage the reading and repetition of these sounds/ words. All children will be regularly assessed in phonics and this information will be brought to pupil progress meetings and discussed with senior leaders.

Reading Books

Until children have reached the end of our phonics programme, they read and re-read books that match the grapheme-phoneme correspondences that they know. This is done both at school and at home. Alongside decodable books, children are encouraged to take home a book of their choice to share with parents.

Expertise

Staff leading phonics sessions have all accessed Read Write INC training. All support staff are given training by the phonics leader on a regular basis to ensure that there is consistency in practice. Regular meetings are held to discuss the progress of the children and ways in which the teaching of phonics can be further improved to meet the needs of all children.