

Success for All Phonics – Phonics Scheme used with All Children at St John's

We use the FFT Success for All Phonics programme to teach your children phonics, which has been validated by the Department of Education and meets all their requirements for the teaching of phonics in schools. Every day your child will have about a phonics lesson where they will be taught all the skills they need to use to decode words for reading, and to break words down for spelling.

We would like to encourage you to access the parent portal using the link below.

Here you will find useful videos, hints to help you support your child with phonics and reading and lots of other useful information.

<https://parents.fft.org.uk/tips-for-home-reading/>

The children will be reading their shared readers in school and at the end of every week the hyperlink for that book will be shared on the parent update. We know that the children will really enjoy sharing their developing skills with their family.

The shared readers support not only reading text but also understanding of vocabulary, comprehension skills, grammar and punctuation. In class all children will read the same book but the reading books they bring home will support this and also allow children to progress at their own pace.

Research shows that it is really important to introduce children to several new words each day, just by talking and using them together. Children also have a better chance of being a successful reader if they practice reading books from school. Set aside some time every day when you and your child read together for pleasure. This will teach them so many skills! They will learn how to handle and enjoy books. Developing a love of books will help your child to develop positive attitudes to reading.

Please could we also ask that you help us by encouraging your child to form the letters in the same way that we do at school, descriptions of each letter formation is found on the back of this letter. If you are practising writing your child's name this is how it will be written in school.

If you require any other help and support please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks

Mrs Whiting and Mrs Stewart