Phonics and Spelling

Early Reading and Spelling

At Poulner Infant School and Nursery, we believe that good literacy changes everything. Reading, writing and high-quality talk are fundamental to children's learning and underpin all areas of our curriculum. We believe that every child can become a confident, fluent reader and that developing a love of reading opens the door to a lifetime of opportunities.

Early reading is taught through **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised,** a systematic synthetic phonics programme.

To become successful readers, children need to learn how to decode words using phonics. Through daily, carefully structured phonics lessons, children learn to recognise the sounds that letters represent and blend these together to read words. With regular practice, these skills become increasingly automatic, helping children develop fluency and confidence.

We prioritise phonics and spelling across the school, ensuring children regularly revisit and practise previously taught sounds and words. This repetition helps children secure their knowledge in their long-term memory. Our consistent approach and commitment to the Little Wandle programme provide strong foundations for reading, writing and language development.

We have high expectations for all children and recognise the importance of identifying those who may need additional support. Through regular assessment and targeted ‘Keep Up’ sessions, we provide extra practice to help children keep pace with their learning and achieve success.

Above all, we want every child at Poulner to experience the joy of reading, developing the skills, confidence and enthusiasm to become a lifelong reader.

How to support at home

We expect all of our children to read to an adult at home at least 3 times per week. Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a vital impact on their reading journey by continuing their practise at home.

Each week, your child will bring home a **reading practise book.**

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level and phonic ability. If your child is reading it with little help, please do not worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they cannot read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

Support videos

The Little Wandle website has resources to help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also useful videos, including the correct pronunciation of each sound, so that you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home. Please click on the link below to access this information

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