



# What's new about Phonics!



We are excited to have launched our new phonics programme, 'Sounds-Write'. Sounds-Write is a highly structured, synthetic phonics programme that will give the children the building blocks to learn how to read fluently. This means that we teach children the sounds they need to read in a specific order.

***As a school, we have invested over £4000 in new home reading books for Reception and Year 1. These books will closely link to your child's learning in phonics. We know that we can count on you to look after these books and return them to school. If books are lost or damaged there will be a small charge of £2 per book. This will go towards the cost of replacing the book.***



## How do we teach Sounds-Write phonics in schools?

- Phonics is taught whole class.
- Each session is 25 minutes long.
- Sounds are taught in the context of words.
- The children learn to read and write words, then progress onto writing and reading sentences.



## How can you help at home?

- You can download the Sounds-Write App (Onto an Ipad)
- When you share a reading book with your child, do all the things you would normally do, such as talking about the story, discussing the characters and predicting what is going to happen next.
- If your child comes across an unfamiliar word, ask them to, **"Have a go by saying all the sounds and read the word."**



## Would you like to learn more?

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 3:45pm** or **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 3:45pm** we will be holding a parent course that will help you support your child's early reading. If you are interested please indicate below and return the slip to school.

I would be interested in learning how to support my child further.

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's class \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred date (Please circle) **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** or **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**