



Your child's reading journey

Rapid Catch-up

Your child is on their journey to becoming a skilled reader. At our school, children in Reception and Year 1 learn to read following the *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* phonics programme. They apply what they learn in phonics lessons to reading books matched to their phonic knowledge.

The Rapid Catch-up programme mirrors the core Little Wandle programme, but children learn at a much faster pace. The Rapid Catch-up programme has been carefully designed for children aged 7 and above to catch up quickly.

All for the love of reading

- Teaching children the skills of reading will increase their will to read.
- Children who love reading, choose to read.
- Reading develops children's vocabulary, understanding of the world and empathy.
- A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success! To develop a love of reading, children must have the skills to read, which is why we teach them using phonics.





What can I do to support my child at home?

- Listen to your child practise reading their decodable book to develop their fluency.
- Read to your child daily using engaging texts – they are never too old to be read to! The love of reading books we send home are a great place to start.
- Be a positive role-model for reading – if you show enjoyment, your child will.
- Ask your child's teacher if you need extra help with supporting your child – that's what we're here for!

What is my child taught in school?

- Your child will have an additional session every day.
- On days 1 and 2, they will be taught a 20-minute phonics lesson.
- On day 3, they will be taught a quick 10-minute review of phonics. This will be followed by a 10-15 minute reading practice session, where they will read a book that is matched to their phonic knowledge.
- On days 4 and 5, they will have a 10-15 minute reading practice session, reading the same book as on day 3.
- Your child will be assessed before starting the programme, so that we know where to begin teaching.

What if my child comes across a word that they can't read straight away?

- If your child is unsure of a word, ask them to sound it out and then blend.
- Ask them if they can spot any digraphs (two letters, one sound) or trigraphs (three letters, one sound) before decoding the word.
- Never ask your child to guess words using the pictures or initial sounds as clues. If they are really struggling just read the word to them.

When will they be taught Rapid Catch-up?

- Rapid Catch-up will be taught daily and will be timetabled into the school day as an extra session.
- Your child may miss small chunks of other lessons, but their teacher will ensure that this is addressed when they come back to class.
- A highly-skilled, highly-trained member of staff will deliver the programme.
- Your child may be taught in a small group or individually, depending on their need.

