

Literacy Information for Parents

Phonics Overview

At the Bythams Primary School we follow the Letters and Sounds Principles and Practice of High Quality Phonics Six Phase Teaching Programme progression scheme produced by the Department of Education and Skills. Children are expected to enter school already having completed phase 1 in their nursery provision. By the end of year one the children will be tested on phonic knowledge with the phonics screening tests which is submitted to the local authority. By the end of year two children should be equipped with the phonics that they need in order to read and write and hopefully have completed up to phases 6. Please see the document available for how you can support your child with phonics in each of the 6 phases.

Reading Scheme Information

At the Bythams Primary School we do not have one set scheme of books that we follow. We use a coloured book banding scheme which progresses throughout the school. Within each book band there are a broad range of texts covering fiction and non-fiction books; some of these books are also longer than others but have been banded according to the range of ability expected within the band. Please see below an overview of the book band colours. We have also attached prompts for parents/carers when reading each coloured book band with their child.

