

Phonics and Reading

We use 'Letters and Sounds' to deliver high quality phonic teaching within a language rich curriculum. 'Letters and Sounds' is a phonics resource published by the Department for Education. It aims to build children's speaking and listening skills in their own right as well as to prepare children for learning to read by developing their phonic knowledge and skills. It sets out a detailed and systematic programme for teaching phonic skills for children starting with Phase 1 in Nursery, with the aim of them becoming fluent readers by age seven. At Hillside Academy children are taught according to their age related phase, however additional interventions are in place to support children who are working below to ensure that all sounds are learned and can be applied when the child is reading.

KS2 pupils support younger readers in school in order to develop their reading skills as part of our Buddy Reading programme.