

How you can help

St Mark's school values the contribution parents and carers make to their child's learning and development, after all, you are your child's first educator. So we have made a little suggestions list for you to begin at home that will help support your child with their Phonic skills. We hope you find it useful!

- ***Play I spy** to listen to the initial sounds in words
- ***Make Musical Instruments** from recycling materials and play them together
- ***Visit the farm and the zoo**— what sounds to the animals make
- *When **letter sounds** start to come home with your child, ensure that you chat to them about their new sound and help them to recognise it
- ***Play the Jolly Phonics song** on Youtube!
- ***Play the Robot game**-
Speak to your child in sounds- For example— pass me the p-e-n.

We thank you for the time you took to read this leaflet and we hope it will be of some use to you as your child moves through Nursery!



St Mark's R.C. Primary School



Phonics in Nursery



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Phonics in the Early Years

Phonics is the first skill in a child's life to support them in reading and writing. This begins in the early years of a child's life. This leaflet will provide information to help support your child with their Phonic skills throughout their year at Nursery.

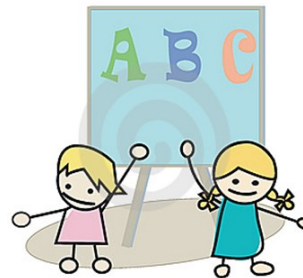
If you have any questions or queries about anything in this leaflet please speak to Miss Kerr. No question is too small!



The Phonics Curriculum

At St Marks Nursery we hope that every child **will be able to do the following before moving to Reception-**

- *To show awareness of rhyme in poems, nursery rhymes and stories
- *To show an awareness of alliteration in stories, poems and nursery rhymes
- *To be able to recognise different sounds– animal noises, voices, environment sounds, musical instruments
- *To make sounds using different items– their bodies, musical instruments, pots and pans
- *To sing songs with actions
- *To clap out syllables in words
- *To begin hearing the initial sound in words
- *To begin to orally blend and segment words



What we do in Nursery

To help your child meet these targets we complete a variety of tasks with them throughout the year during a special group session. We split into two groups and spend 15 minutes a day completing our Phonics Session with either Miss Kerr or Mrs Kowalska. We complete different activities each day such as-

- *Singing songs and rhymes
- *Playing Name games
- *Playing I spy and word games
- *Listening to, and playing, different sounds and instruments
- *Learning to recognise letter sounds by singing songs and flashing cards
- *Playing listening games such as Mrs Kowalska's box, old McDonald had a farm or Chinese whispers