



At Sutton CP, children in Reception take part in high quality phonics sessions. We believe that all our children can become fluent readers and writers and we teach reading through Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised, which is a systematic and synthetic phonics programme.

Children in Reception start phonics lessons in week 2 and we follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised progression. This ensures that children build on their growing knowledge of the alphabetic code, mastering phonics to read and spell. Each week we teach four new graphemes and every Friday we review the week's learning.

Children in Reception are taught to read and spell words using Phase 2 and 3 graphemes, and words with adjacent consonants (Phase 4) with fluency and accuracy. Each phase has a set of tricky words to learn (words that cannot yet be decoded using their phonics knowledge). We regularly review the children's learning and provide keep up sessions for those who need additional support.

In the autumn term, children begin reading practice sessions and these take place three times a week. Each reading practice session has a clear focus and children are taught three key reading skills: decoding, prosody (teaching children to read with understanding and expression) and comprehension (teaching children to understand the text). Every Thursday the children take this book home to read as well as a reading for pleasure book.