



Phonics and reading schemes used in Key Stage 1

In the Year R (Early Years Foundation Stage) and in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) we show fidelity to Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS). ELS is produced by the Oxford University Press (OUP).

It includes books from a wide range of OUP schemes:



Hero Academy

Epic engagement to turn all your children into reading superheroes!



Hero Academy non-fiction

Heart-warming heroes to grow kindness and empathy.



Alien Adventures

Splendid space stories to kick-start a lifelong love of reading.



Word Sparks

Ambitious vocabulary to tackle the word gap.



Traditional Tales

Timeless stories with clear phonic progression.

Little Blending Books

for Letters and Sounds

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Perfect for practising sounding and blending.

There are also books aligned to ELS. These have been matched to the reading levels for ELS.

Any books that are not yet decodable for the children will be sent home to read together. These will be called a 'discovery book' if it is a non-fiction text or a 'sharing book' if it is a fiction text. These books will be sent home for you to read with your child, helping us to instil a love of reading from the very beginning of their reading journey. These could be read together *with* your child reading the words they are able to decode or could be read *to* your child (or a mixture of both approaches).

Once a child reaches silver, they will no longer be bringing home a discovery book and instead will have one fiction book (the book-banded book) and a non-fiction book selected from the library. These range in difficulty and are chosen by interest; therefore, they are still books where a child may need support with the content and complexity of the vocabulary. The School Library Service also provides books to the school. We are unable to add the discovery stickers to these. However, please treat these as discovery books!