

More information can be accessed on our 'How to Guide: Phonics and Early Reading' found at

www.oldpark.org/page/detail/phonics-and-reading



Reading Practice Book – Decoding



Your child is being taught how to read by decoding text. This involves learning to recognise letters (graphemes) and the sound (phonemes) that they represent. The phonemes are the pure sounds e.g. ssss rather than the letter names you would use when singing the alphabet song. You can learn how to say the phonemes by visiting



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTe5_Em0BHQ.



You can also use the Little Wandle pronunciation guides that have been sent home with your child. If in doubt or worried about blending correctly, just read the whole word aloud.



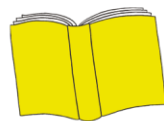
Reading Practice and Sharing Books – Prosody



Your child is learning how to read texts with meaning, stress and intonation. When reading with your child at home you can model this by using different voices, volumes and expression. You can also point out punctuation and verbs that have led you to do this e.g. Shouted! Encourage your child to copy and join in.



Reading Practice and Sharing Books – Comprehension



Comprehension gives your child the opportunity to talk and make connections between the book and their own lives and experiences. It also helps them to grow vocabulary and language. When reading with your child, you can ask a range of different questions and discuss and model how to find the answers in the book. Your questions may focus on vocabulary, characters, events, reasoning and prediction. You can tailor the questions to your child and their interests.

