



Reading at Southwick





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Builds vocabulary and language skills
Boosts cognitive development
Enhances imagination and creativity
Supports emotional development
Improves listening skills
Strengthens writing ability
Encourages bonding
Promotes a love of learning
Increases concentration and patience
Builds confidence



- ✓ Children who read for pleasure at age 10 achieve better results at age 16 in English *and* maths – even after considering background.
- ✓ Frequent readers show:
 - 14% stronger vocabulary
 - 10% higher maths scores
 - 9% better spelling
- ✓ 1 in 4 fifteen-year-olds in the UK has a reading age of 12 or below – this impacts GCSE results across all subjects.
- ✓ Early support works! Children in the Reading Recovery programme were **twice as likely** to gain good GCSEs (49% vs 23%).



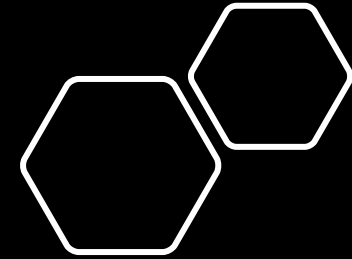


The Power of Reading

***“Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.”
– Frederick Douglass***

***“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.”
– Margaret Fuller***

***“Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.”
– Joseph Addison***



Pre Reading Skills

- Building pre-reading skills helps your child develop the language, vocabulary, and thinking abilities they need to be a confident and successful learner.
- Pre-reading skills include:
 - print awareness** (knowing how books work – front to back, left to right)
 - phonological awareness** – noticing sounds in words, like rhymes and syllables
 - letter recognition** – recognising letters and linking them with sounds
 - vocabulary development** – learning and understanding new words
 - listening and comprehension** – understanding stories and following instructions
 - narrative skills** – retelling or describing events in order



Phonic Skills

Sounds Write

Phonics is the way we teach children to read and write by connecting the sounds of spoken language with the letter symbols that represent those sounds.

Decoding is the ability to look at written letter (symbol) or letter patterns and use knowledge of phonics to figure out the spoken word.

Blending is a reading skill where children put individual sounds together to form a word.

It is an important step in phonics because it helps children move from sounding out letters separately to reading whole words smoothly.

Common Exception Words are words which can not be decoded e.g. the, was, of. These words are taught by sight.



Early Reading Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

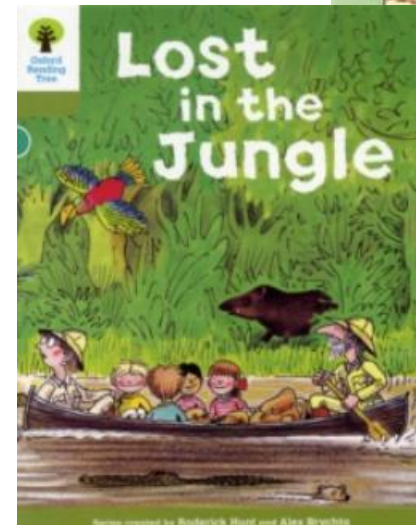
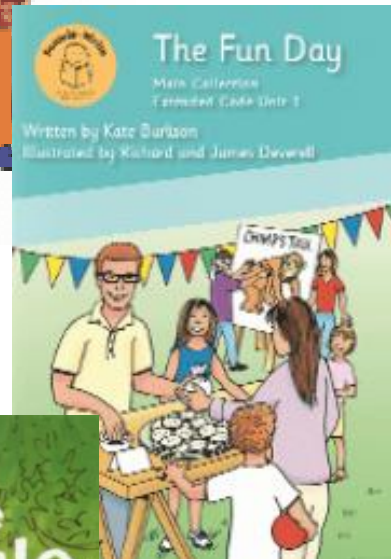
Reception children will come home, when ready, with a Sounds Write phonic book. They will have read the book in school previously with a classroom adult so it is familiar to them.

Year 1 children will bring home a Sounds Write book. This book will be 2 units behind where your child is confident.

Year 2 children will bring home a Sounds Write book until their phonics is secure and then bring home a coloured book band book.

We will teach and practise your child's phonics with them at school.

The book your child brings home is for them to show off their fantastic reading!
We want the experience of reading at home to be enjoyable and celebrated together whilst building confidence and fluency.



KS2 Reading

Reading during Key Stage 2 is one of the most important skills your child will develop.

- Reading underpins learning across every subject.
- At this stage, children move from learning to read to reading to learn, which means strong reading habits help them build vocabulary, improve comprehension and develop critical thinking.
- Regular reading — both at school and at home — supports writing skills, boosts imagination and strengthens confidence when tackling new topics.
- Parents play a key role by encouraging daily reading, discussing stories together and showing enthusiasm for books.
- By making reading a shared, enjoyable part of family life, you help your child build a lifelong love of learning and a solid foundation for future success.





Southwick 100

Reading for pleasure - 100 specially chosen books to share with your family.



EARLY YEARS

Sounds Write and Phonics Books to reinforce the learnt sounds.

YEAR 1

Sounds Write and Phonics Books to reinforce the learnt sounds and build fluency.

YEAR 2

Once confident with the secure in phonics, move onto book bands to **LIME** then children become free readers.

Sounds Write books as required.

YEAR 3 onwards

Green – Easier

Yellow – Medium

Red - Higher Level

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EFYS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Bonus Books		
Dear Zoo By Rod Campbell	Superworm By Julia Donaldson & Alex Scheffler	The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark By Jill Tomlinson	The Illustrated Mum By Jacqueline Wilson	The BFG By Roald Dahl	Letters from the Lighthouse By Emma Carroll	Tom's Midnight Garden By Philippa Pearce	It's a Book By Lane Smith	The Word Collector By Peter H. Reynolds	Moominland Midwinter By Tove Jansson
The Colour Monster By Anna Llenas	Zog By Julia Donaldson & Alex Scheffler	The Worst Witch By Jill Murphy	The 13-Storey Treehouse By Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton	Harry Potter & the Philosophers Stone By J.K. Rowling	October October By Katya Balen	Narnia By C.S. Lewis	Nature Trail By Benjamin Zephania	Grandad's Camper By Harry Woodgate	The Selfish Crocodile By Faustin Charles & Michael Terry
Peace at Last By Jill Murphy	Supertato By Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet	The Magic Faraway Tree By Enid Blyton	The Butterfly Lion By Michael Morpurgo	Stig of the Dump By Clive King	The Silver Sword By Ian Serraillier	Can You See Me By Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory By Roald Dahl	Everything Changes By Clare Helen Welsh & Asa Gilliland	Handa's Surprise By Eileen Browne
The Very Hungry Caterpillar By Eric Carle	The Smartest Giant in Town By Julia Donaldson & Alex Scheffler	The Boy Who Grew Dragons By Andy Shepherd	Loki By Louie Stowell	Winnie-the-Pooh By A.A. Milne	Variak Paw By SF Said	Goodnight Mr Tom By Michelle Magorian	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase By Joan Aiken	Elmer By David McKee	Giraffes Can't Dance By Giles Andreae & Guy Parker-Rees
Peepo! By Janet & Allan Ahlberg	The Smoos and The Smoos By Julia Donaldson & Alex Scheffler	You Choose By Nick Sharratt & Pippa Goodhart	Flat Stanley By Jeff Brown	What Katy Did By Susan Coolidge	The Girl of Ink & Stars By Kiran Millwood Hargrave	No Ballet Shoes in Syria By Catherine Bruton	Wonder By R.J. Palacio	Rosie's Walk By Pat Hutchins	Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy By Lynley Dodd
The Gruffalo By Julia Donaldson & Alex Scheffler	I Want My Hat Back By Jon Klassen	The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch By Ronda & David Armitage	Cliffhanger By Jacqueline Wilson	The Last Bear By Hannah Gold	The Boy in the Tower By Polly Ho-Yen	Funky Chickens By Benjamin Zephania	Fantastic Mr Fox By Roald Dahl	Charlotte's Web By E.B. White	When Ice Cream had a Meltdown By Michelle Robinson & Tom Knight
We're Going on a Bear Hunt By Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury	Whatever Next! By Jill Murphy	Here We Are By Oliver Jeffers	Murray and Bun: Murray the Viking By Adam Stower	Pippi Longstocking Astrid Lindgren	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas By John Boyne	The Nowhere Emporium By Ross Mackenzie	Funny Bones By Janet & Allan Ahlberg	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland By Lewis Carroll	Dragons Love Tacos By Adam Rubin
The Tiger Who Came to Tea By Judith Kerr	Paddington By Michael Bond	Where The Wild Things Are By Maurice Sendak	Home for Grace By Kathryn White & Rachel Dean	Ruby's Worries By Tom Percival	Coming to England By Floella Benjamin	The Selfish Giant By Oscar Wilde	Mr Big By Ed Vere	Grimm's Fairy Tales By Brothers Grimm	I Talk Like a River By Jordan Scott
Oi Frog! By Kes Gray & Jim Field	Man on the Moon By Simon Bartram	Owl Babies By Martin Waddell & Patrick Benson	Speak Up! By Nathan Bryon & Dapo Adeola	Malala's Magic Pencil By Malala Yousafzai	Journey to the River Sea By Eva Ibbotson	When the Sky Falls By Phil Earle	The Day the Crayons Quit By Drew Daywalt	How to Train Your Dragon By Cressida Cowell	Uncle Bobby's Wedding By Sarah Brannen
So Much By Trish Cooke	The Proudest Blue By Ibtihaj Muhammad	Dogger By Shirley Hughes	The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour-Dog By Jeremy Strong	The Journey By Franci Sanna	Amazing Grace By Mary Hoffmann & Caroline Binch	Holes Louis Sachar	The Smart Cookie By Jory John & Pete Oswald	Ravi's Roar By Tom Percival	The Snowy Day By Ezra Jack Keats