

Phonics

At Archbishop Courtenay we follow two programmes that integrate which allow each child to learn their letter sounds, phonemes and blends at their own pace. When children join our school at Reception level, or for children joining in Y1 and Y2 with limited English Skills, we follow the Jolly Phonics programme. This allows the children to learn the sounds of the alphabet alongside an action so that the children are confident in using sounds to begin to blend words. In Year 1 we begin the Letters and Sounds programme to allow the children to extend their knowledge and begin to learn the more complex combination of the English sounds. We also subscribe to Phonicsplay which is an interactive ICT package full of excellent resources.

Reading Schemes

We encourage children to begin reading as soon as they join our school. We use Oxford Reading Tree as our main scheme, however we intertwine real life stories and non-fiction texts with the story books to allow the children a comprehensive overview of reading. Children make good progress with their reading at Archbishop Courtenay and we encourage all of our children to read at home with their parents/guardians in order to allow every child to reach their full potential and to read fluently by the time they move on to Key Stage 2.