

# How Phonics Links To The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum

Through learning phonics, your child is working towards meeting the Early Learning Goals for reading and writing (commonly referred to as 'Literacy'). By the end of Reception your child should use their phonics knowledge to be able to:

- ✓ Continue a rhyming string (eg. bat, hat, cat...mat).
- ✓ Hear and say the initial sound in words.
- ✓ Segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together and know which letters represent some of them.
- ✓ Link sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.
- ✓ Begin to read words and simple sentences

At the end of the Reception year, your child will be assessed as part of the EYFS Profile. Your child's teacher will decide if they are emerging, secure or exceeding in relation to the Early Learning Goal (ELG) for each area of learning. The Literacy ELG is as follows:

"Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read."