



# Phonics and Reading

## Phonics

**Letters and Sounds** is our school phonics scheme. It focuses on blending sounds to read words (sounding out).

Use these links to access the 'Phonics Play' and 'Education City' websites. Here you can play a wide variety of games to practise blending words.

<https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.educationcity.com/>



Letters and sounds online has daily phonic lessons for Reception and Year 1.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP\\_FbjYUP\\_UtldV2K\\_-niWw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_-niWw/videos)

This video demonstrates the correct articulation of different sounds.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTe5\\_Em0BHQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTe5_Em0BHQ)

Use the Collins Big Cat letters and sounds grapheme chart on our school website to practise.



## Reading



### for Letters and Sounds

**Collins Big Cat Phonics for 'Letters and Sounds'** is our new school reading scheme. The books in this scheme have been developed to directly support the teaching of letters and sounds and are fully decodable which means that the majority of words can be blended.

Use this link to access hundreds of ebooks and resources with Collins Big Cat.

<https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/portal.aspx>

Use the teacher sign in: username - parents@harpercollins.co.uk  
password - Parents20!

Please see the reading book band chart on our school website to help you find the correct reading band for your child.

Try to find time to read every day.

Enjoy sharing a bedtime story together.

Enjoy reading your favourite books from your bookshelf. Remember to limit the amount of screen time.



Enjoy a  
bedtime story  
every night

## VIPERs Challenge

These are the VIPERS that we use to teach comprehension skills in school. Here are some basic questions you could ask your child while reading to develop their comprehension skills.



### Vocabulary

What does the word...mean in this sentence?

Put your finger on a word that means...

Which other words could you use to describe...?

### Inference

Why was... feeling like this?

Why did... happen?

How does...make you feel?

### Prediction

What is this book going to be about?

What do you think will happen next?

What happened before? What happened after?

### Explanation

Who is your favourite character? Why?

Would you like to live in this setting? Why?

What would you change about this story?

### Retrieval

What kind of text is this?

What happened when...?

Where did...?

Why did... happen?

### Sequencing

What was the first thing that happened in the story?

Put these 5 events from the story in order.

What happened after?