

## Early Reading

At St Cuthbert's School, we understand the importance of teaching children to read as soon as possible in order to help them enjoy and achieve their full potential. In Foundation and Key Stage 1, we use the Letters and Sounds programme to teach children to read through systematic synthetic phonics. Children learn the 44 common sounds in the English language and how to sound-blend words for reading - known as decoding, at the same time as developing letter formation, handwriting and spelling - encoding.

We rigorously promote reading for pleasure. We use the Oxford Reading Tree reading scheme which are lively, interesting stories which children can relate to, with words they can decode, so achieving early success in reading.

All children have access to our School Library, where they can choose from an exciting range of Story and Non-Fiction books to read at home and at school.