

## **Phonics and Early Reading**

At the Pinnacle Schools Federation children are actively taught and supported to use phonics as a prime approach to reading. We teach children to decode and read effectively every day through well-planned, well-prepared and well-resourced lessons which follow the 'Letters and Sounds' programme.

Pupils deepen their phonics skills by reading fully decodable books carefully matched to their phonics phase and reading fluency. They include the phonemes and common exception words the child has learnt so far which ensures that children are successful when applying existing phonic knowledge to the text. At the Pinnacle Schools Federation we use Big Cat fully decodable reading books which enable all pupils to move on from decoding to reading fluently and for pleasure.

Pupils who are still struggling to decode and read are identified quickly. Specific individual sessions ensure pupils receive the support they need and continue to make good progress.

Through the teaching of systematic phonics, our aim is for children to become fluent readers by the end of Key Stage One. In addition to this we ensure our children are enthusiastic and motivated readers who are inspired by literature and read for pleasure.

Letters and Sounds programme

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Big Cat phonics fully decodable reading books

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