

PHONICS

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

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VISION STATEMENT

Allow each pupil to develop their love of and participate through the spoken word. Allow each pupil to engage with and explore a wide range of spoken and written word including but not limited to; narratives, diaries, letters, poetry, advertisements, recounts, posters and explanations.

Reading opportunities will allow pupils to explore new worlds, develop their vocabulary and build a more in-depth knowledge of the intended audience and purpose of different text types to explain, persuade, argue and evaluate among others. Through this pupils will develop a knowledge of themselves and the world in which they live and have the opportunity to develop an appreciation and love of reading.

Aims

- To develop their love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment.
- Develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information
- Acquire new vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language
- · Access our rich and varied literary heritage

HOW IS PHONICS TAUGHT?

Pre-Formal (Below band 4)

Pupils working below a Lancasterian band 4 develop 'foundation for phonics' skills through opportunities embedded into the Pre-Formal curriculum. Activities to develop listen skills, a 'positive looking' approach to develop visual discrimination and activities to develop fine motor skills found within the 'My Body' strand all support early development of key skills. Please see Pre-Formal curriculum documents.

Semi-Formal (Band 4-8)

Pupils working below a Lancasterian band 8 develop phase 1 'foundation for phonics' skills through opportunities embedded into the Semi-Formal curriculum. The 'My communication' strand is split into 'Reading, 'Writing and mark making' and 'My Communicating'. These can be taught as discrete sessions or as part of other activities. Communicating underpins everything we do- listening, interacting, developing language, creating, changing and playing with sounds are part of our everyday approaches to teaching and learning. Please see Semi-Formal curriculum documents.

Formal (Band 9+)

Pupils band 9 and above access regular phonic lessons following the government validated 'Little Wandle' format and then embed this learning through additional phonic activities. Please see Little Wandle website, planning, resources etc for more information of lesson structure and content.

Non-phonic readers

There is an ordered word reading scheme for pupils where phonics is not appropriate and the school plans to develop a comprehension scheme to run alongside these approaches to allow all pupils to develop reading fluency and behaviours that allow them to succeed with reading for both enjoyment and life.

LOVE OF READING

Pre-Formal (Below band 4)

Pupils are exposed to a wide range of texts and books, supported by music cues and sensory experiences to encourage engagement with the sounds, words, pictures and the underlying themes presented in the stories. Please see Pre-Formal curriculum documents.

Semi-Formal (Bands 4-8)

Reading skills are both planned for and pupil led. The Semi-Formal curriculum offers opportunities for pupils to build better recognition, understanding, and use of core and theme-based vocabulary. It introduces pupils to the written word and attributes meaning to it. Shared Reading, topic book sessions, music and 1-2-1 sessions, alongside pupil-led activities, promote opportunities for pupils to become attuned to sounds around them and explore and manipulate sounds ready to begin developing oral blending and segmenting skills, with phase 1 phonic skills embedded throughout all strands of the Semi-Formal curriculum. Please see Semi-Formal curriculum documents.

Formal (Bands 9+)

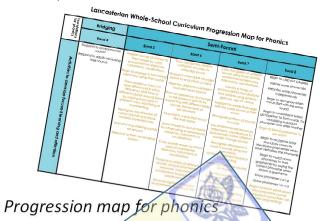
Pupils have 1-2-1 reading sessions where they revisit specific phonics and practise blending through the Little Wandle phonic books. This scheme is supplemented by other phonic books with higher interest levels for older pupils and books for reluctant readers. Please see 'Formal Reading Guidance' documents.

Learning to listen is an important skill. We live in a world full of noises, and have to learn to attend to important sounds, (for example a warning bell, a voice or the beeping of a zebra crossing), while ignoring all of the other noises that we hear around us. Developing auditory memory will support pupils to respond to sound, to maintain engagement, respond to turntaking or imitation, respond to specific sounds that hold meaning, and begin to respond to sensory cues to sustain attention. Quote from 'My Communication-listening route map' (a document sporting the Pre-Formal curriculum)



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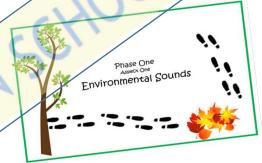
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EARLY SKILL DEVELOPMENT

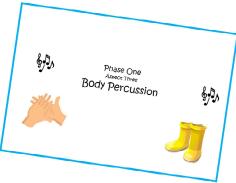
Listening

 Drawing attention to and listening to sounds around them help pupils attune to different sounds, discriminate between them and show preferences.



Phase 1 phonic ideas document

- Using names to begin sentences help pupils attune voices and attribute meaning to verbal utterances.
- Using short sentences with one or two key words, supported by visual prompts, help pupils begin to attribute meaning to key words.
- Having lots of opportunities to listen and respond to music which includes changes in pitch, tone and frequency.
- Having lots of opportunities to make sounds- discriminating between sounds that are the same and different.





Phase 1 phonic ideas document

EARLY SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Rhyme and rhythm

Reading stories which contain rhyme and follow a predictable rhythm allow pupils to hear and appreciate subtle similarities and differences within words.



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- Listening to known or favourite nursery rhymes or other rhymes allow pupils to become familiar with word patterns and begin to predict what's coming next.
- Pausing during a favourite nursery rhyme and allowing the pupil to make a sound or provide the rhyming word allows pupils to develop an awareness of how different sounds feel in their mouth and begin to play with sounds.
- Making up verbal rhyming sequences by stringing words together help pupils begin to discriminate between different sounds and offers opportunities for pupils to try to continue the word string by providing their own suggestions.

Resources for nursery rhymes

For each of the nursery rhymes below, you'll find a video, planning, illustrated rhyme and a presentation with sounds and picture cards to support your teaching.





1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive | **Letters and Sounds** (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)



EARLY SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Playing with sounds and words

Adults repeating and playing with the delivery of a pupil's own sounds through changes in volume, speed, intonation and pitch allows pupils to begin to recognise similarities and differences in what they are hearing.



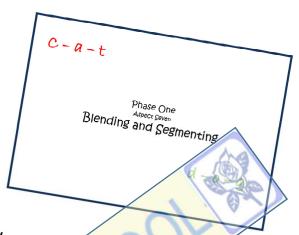
earing. Phonics | Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

- Taking opportunities to do this regularly during the day, especially through song i.e. while transitioning around school 'we're all going to ssssssssoftplay' makes this more memorable and fun for pupils.
- Making collections of objects which are important to pupils and all start with the same letter allows for lots of repetition of a single sound.
- Making up alliterative word strings beginning with the same letter as the pupil's name i.e. Fun, friendly, frenetic, flustered, Frankie or playing alliterative games, such as 'digging for treasure', 'silly soup' and 'going to the zoo' again allows them to begin to recognise certain sounds and hear them as the same.
- Playing with sounds i.e. "Make your voice go down a slide –
 wheee!", "Make your voice bounce like a ball boing, boing"
 allows pupils to play with, feel and make sounds which they will
 use later.

EARLY SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Hearing individual sounds in words

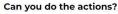
- See some of the ideas from the previous page- 'Playing with sounds and words'
- Playing with syllablescounting units of sound in their name, family names, peers names etc. by clapping/ tapping/ stamping them



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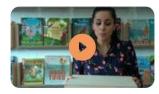
- Finding sets of objects/ pictures which start with the same sound- 'fish', 'flash', 'physical' allow pupils to hear individual sounds.
- Play with alliterative words i.e. taking well know nursery rhymes and changing the first letter of each word so that they alliterate i.e. 'binkle, binkle, bittle, bar...' so pupils begin to make and annunciate individual sounds
- Taking opportunities every day to sound out key words
 which are said frequently throughout the school day i.e.
 "put your coat on the p-e-g" so pupils begin to recognise
 words are made up of individual sounds that have meaning
 as a word as a whole.
- Pretending to be a robot- using picture cards and sounding out the pictures i.e. 'c-a-t' so pupils' begin to hear the individual sounds in words.







Can you touch your?



Blend from the box



What's that noise?

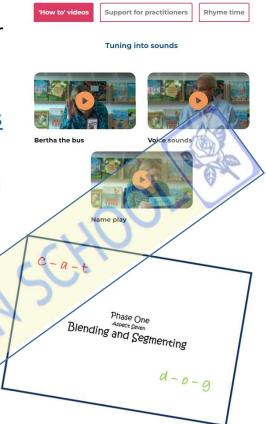
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EARLY SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Resource links

 'Little Wandle' Foundations for phonics. Find support with activities, resources, how to videos and more here: <u>Phonics</u> <u>| Letters and Sounds</u> (<u>littlewandlelettersandsounds.</u> <u>org.uk</u>)

Our own phase 1 phonics activities and suggestions document can be found here:
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 Communication\Phonics phase 1



Phase 1 phonic ideas document

Super Sounds: The Learning Lady can be found on YouTube:
 The Learning Lady - Phonics & Early Reading Expert –
 YouTube She shares HUGE amounts of games and ideas.
 Each video explains what you'll learn, what you need and gives an example. You can even play along!



Also, remember the resources box which is located with the musical instruments.

LOVE OF READING

Little Wandle: Research has demonstrated that children's attitude towards reading is one of the strongest predictors of their later academic and life success (OECD, 2002).

Encourage this by:

- Model an enjoyment of reading; giving lots of opportunities and encouragement to read throughout the school day.
- Make sure books are easily accessible within classrooms i.e. reading areas, book boxes, frequently presented during choose/ intrinsic play times and in the school library.
- Encourage pupils to choose individual books to reflect their interests.
- Share these books, with book skills and reading strategies modelled by staff.
- Model your own enjoyment of reading





Sharing Stories Training- T:\School Staff\4. Curriculum\2. Semi-Formal Curriculum\1. My Communication\Training

Use Shared Reading approaches

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LOVE OF READING

Encourage this by:

- Be enthusiastic about reading and the text/ book you are reading at the time.
- Ensuring you are engaging well with the book and modelling good reading practise.
- Choosing books which reflect the pupil's interests (use the 'suggested' texts list in the 'Module Information Sheets' as guidance to ensure the books are high quality and reflective of the pupil's age).
- Prepare well by reading the book first and checking you have everything you need to engage the pupils and draw out all the learning opportunities.
- Refer to the 'Foundations for a Love of Reading' document or 'Sharing Stories Training' for more tips and strategies...



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Little Wandle foundations for a love of Reading document:

Foundations LoR Guidance Aug-23.pdf

LOVE OF READING

Multiple opportunities to read and engage with the text

Learning is reviewed and revisited through a rolling curriculum which allows pupils to become familiar with each format while building on prior learning. Using the 'Module information sheets' ensures continuity between classes and appropriate books suggestions for different Key Stages. It also shows the teaching sequence to guide teachers planning for pupils developing progressive skills from novice to expert.

Encourage this by:

- Use repetition of stories to ensure learning opportunities are maximised by embedding learnt skills while developing new ones, such as anticipation.
- Use repetition to help improve speed, increase confidence, and strengthen the connections in the brain that help our pupils learn.
- Using Shared Reading approaches to encourage pupils to comment on the text as they become more familiar with it.

Shared Reading Training-T:\School Staff\4.
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What is Shared Reading?
MODELLING AND RESPONDING:

Modults should model comments, wait for responses and look for any signs of intentional communication.

C OMMENT - model

A SK FOR PARTICIPATION - Waiting! Not directly pushing for a response!

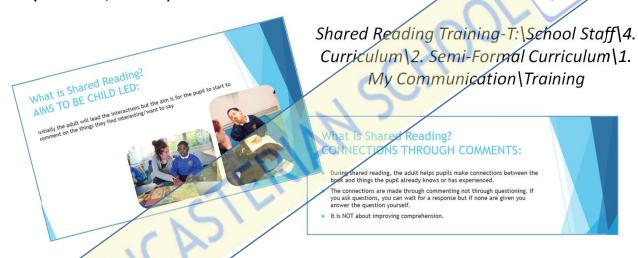
R ESPOND - Even to the smallest sign of intentional communication.

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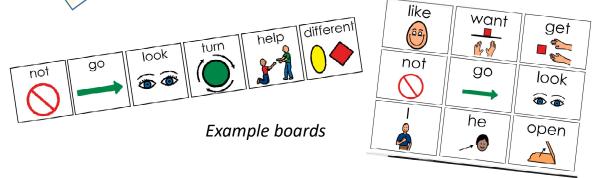
Language development opportunities

Encourage this by:

 Use Shared Reading strategies to encourage engagement with language and books through initially adult, but later child-led interactions around a text. Include pause reading — where the practitioner pauses and encourages the children to talk (Colmar, 2014)



 Use symbol supported core vocabulary which is transferable across texts and into wider contexts.



- Help pupils make connections between the book and things they already know or have experienced.
- Encourage language development, self-expression and understanding of the world.

LOVE OF READING

Connect to the book

Encourage this by:

- Use the suggested texts on the 'Module information sheets' as many of these books have been selected for their rhyme, repetition or language development opportunities as well as their link to the theme.
- These books have also been picked as they draw on known experiences/ existing connections and link to broader themes.



- Using pupils already known and existing experiences (elaborative reminiscing (Reece et al., 2010).through...
- Familiar rhymes, for example- 'Water Unit' and using texts about rain refer back to know nursery rhymes- 'Incy, Wincy Spider', 'I hear thunder', 'Rain, rain go away'
- Talking about times when they have experienced this recently
- Showing pictures of them and their peers in the rain
- Using Tar Heel Reader <u>Tar Heel Reader | Books for beginning readers of all ages</u> to create books about the pupils and their prior experiences of more abstract concepts.

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Opportunities to explore the sensory aspects of the text

Encourage this by:

Supporting reading of texts at the pupil's level...



 First sensory input (band 4) i.e. story massage or bag books, then sensory stimuli through sensory stories- prewritten or writing your own.

Using props (band 5) to support engagement and understanding. (Wasik and Bond, 2001) Then extending to use pictures, symbols and colourful semantics (bands 6,7 and 8).

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Opportunities to explore the sensory aspects of the text

Encourage this by:

Plan additional learning opportunities linked to the book to further engage pupils with the text and reinforce key concept LANCASTERIAN SCHOOL

within the text.

Suggested activities section of the 'Module Information Sheet'

Follow the theme and plan opportunities for further reinforcement and generalisation through activities linked to other areas of the curriculum.



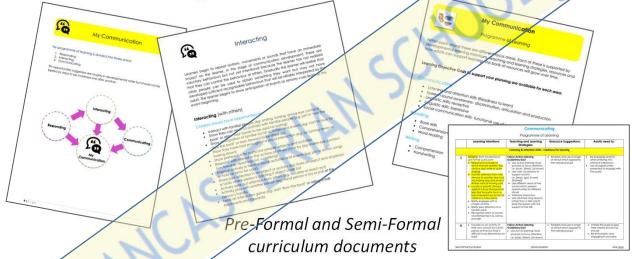
- Make regular visits to places in the local community including cafés, restaurants and supermarkets among others to give pupils opportunities to explore the written word in contexts they may not encounter outside of school.
- Visit libraries, museums and theatres to promote cultural capital; broadening pupils' experiences and allowing them to develop the necessary behaviours for inclusion in society.

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Remember underpinning all of this is a desire and ability to communicate. This begins with awareness of others- responding and interacting, eliciting and encouraging responses and developing 2 way communication alongside developing the necessary techniques to express their thoughts and opinions.

Encourage this by:

 Referring to Lancasterian curriculum documents to help plan for and encourage interactions and communication



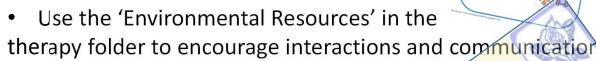
Refer to the 'Good Communication Practise Guide', 'Little
Wandle' videos and Interaction techniques poster and training
on Intensive Interaction for more guidance.

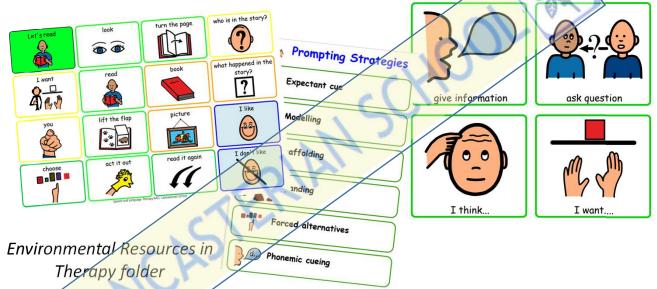


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Where more specific guidance is required:

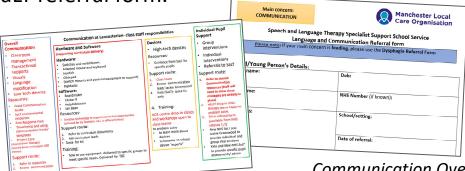
 Refer to the MLCO 'SLCN First Response Pack' (Electronic copy in the 'Therapy' folder And paper copy in 'Emma Morris' pigeon hole)





• For our non-speaking population- refer to their individual support plans and advice from the SaLT. Always use their communication method i.e. communication book, AAC etc.

 For further concerns, refer to the 'Communication Overview' document for more advice and support and then complete a SaLT referral form.



Communication Overview and referral form in Therapy folder

SLCN First Response

for Specialist Support

Schools

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Who?

Pupils working on phase 2 and above.

How is it taught?

- Pupils follow the government validated 'Little Wandle' scheme.
- Letters and sounds are introduced in a specific order through structured lessons.
- All lessons include an element of oral blending, revisit and review, teach, practise and apply but letters and sounds should be introduced at a rate appropriate to the individual pupils.
- Where needed, lessons should be taught in smaller steps with more repetition, so that every pupil secures their learning.
- This can mean a single lesson is split across 2 sessions with additional opportunities for pupils to practise and apply their learning through supplementary activities.



Resources - Reception | Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)



Examples of supplementary activities

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'Little Wandle' online resources:

Programme content and resources are available from:

My Letters and Sounds | Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

Username and password required

Resources

- 'How to' videos modelling all aspects of teaching.
- How to say pure sounds video.
- Guidance to support teachers, including tricky words and letter formation.
- Resources to use in class
 with pupils including
 grapheme mats and
 letter formation practice
 sheets.

See more ->

Planning

- Half-termly overview and templates
- Weekly grids
- Whiteboard resources for sentences
- Objects and images for What's in the box?
- Images for Sort the words
- Images for Blend from the box
- Match the words to the pictures

See more



Phase 2: new GPC (includes What's in the box?)



Phase 2: new GPC (th, ch, sh,



Phase 2: teach new grapheme



Phase 3: new GPC and oral blending

'How to' help videos for each element of the lesson structure

Resources, planning, reading and assessment materials

Programme content

Reading: SEND



Specific SEND content with 'How to' adaption videos:

Decodable books

Physical resources stored opposite the school library



Read 1: Charlie AAC Phase 2



Read 1: Nahum- Phase 2



Read 2: Tomisin - Phase 3



Read 3: Viktoria - Phase 2

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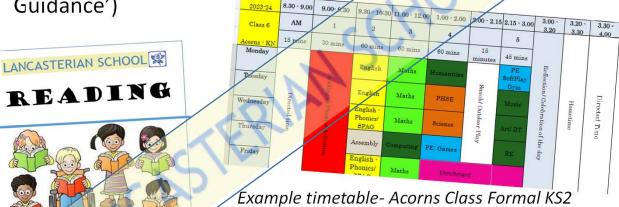
When?

- For younger pupils (KS2), direct phonics teaching and additional reading sessions should be timetabled at least once a week.
- For older Semi-Formal and Formal pupils phonics should be timetabled at least once a week with additional activities and opportunities for practise embedded in other lessons.

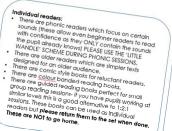
Reading should either be taught as part of this lesson or taught through 1-2-1 reading sessions across the week (see Reading

8.30 - 9.00

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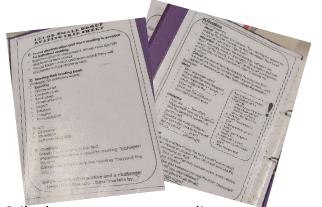


Reading Guidance

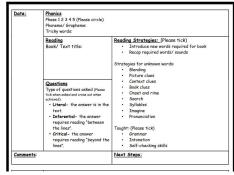




Little Wandle and supplementary Phonic Reading Books



Crib sheet to support reading sessions



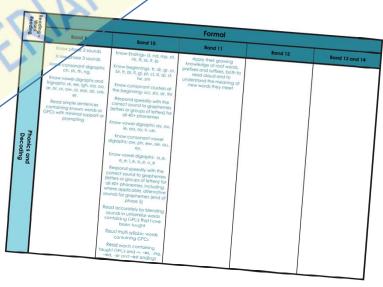
Recording reading

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How is it assessed?

- Bands 9-13 of the Lancasterian Assessment system contain specific objectives relating to progression in phonics.
- Phonics knowledge is assessed alongside pupils' reading, writing and speaking and listening skills.
- Pupils working at band 14 and higher are expected to have completed phase 5 with objectives becoming more focused around spelling, grammar, fluidity and comprehension.
- Any pupils still requiring additional catch up should continue to work on the phonic assessment objectives in the lower bands but continue to progress through the other objectives in the higher bands for other English skills.





Bands 9-13 Reading- Phonics and Decoding

Whole lessons



Phase 5 whole lesson



Phase 4 whole lesson



Phase 5 Grow the code lesson

Resources - Year 1

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(littlewandleletters andsounds.org.uk)