

Dear Parents

As you are probably aware, we use Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS) to teach our children the phonics they need to know in order to help them to learn to read, write and spell.

All children who are on a turquoise book band or below will be accessing books which are closely aligned to our scheme. Oxford University Press (OUP) - who are the book publishing company behind Essential Letters and Sounds, have now produced an eBook library. It contains over 120 books matched to our ELS phonics programme. We are happy to announce that you now have access to these books in the online e-library!

It is important that your child reads books they can phonetically decode. So, for example, if your child has learnt s,a,t,p only, then they should not be on a book where they also have to read i,n,d,m. Therefore, please do not rush ahead with these books. Instead, you can consolidate your child's learning by looking at some of these books together.

Along with this letter, is a leaflet provided by OUP to explain how to log into their website in order to access the eBooks. You can find your child's log in details inside their PACT books. The e-library books can be read at home on a laptop, iPad, tablet or mobile device.

We cannot encourage and emphasise enough how important it is to read with, and to your child at home.

Happy Reading!

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