



Reading Workshop

Bournmoor Primary School





The first steps...

- Looking at picture books
- Talking about the story
- Questions about the book





The next step...

- Letters and sounds (we use Letters and Sounds and also learn actions from Jolly Phonics to help pupils remember).
- We learn letters in a variety of ways, these are some of the ways we use:

Learning the action for the sound (eg rub stomach and say 'mmmmm' for m)

playing 'find the letter' inside and outside

playing 'I spy'





Pure sounds

- It is important that children only hear the 'pure sound' of a letter to help them blend.
- It is always tempting to say 'uh' after a letter but we teach it is just the letter sound. For example 'p' rather than p(uh).
- This helps when pupils begin to write as they would write p-u-t rather than p-uh-u-t.





Ways to help your child with letters and sounds

- At the supermarket – what is the 1st letter sound of the foods going in the trolley?
- Make up stories with lots of alliteration e.g. Sammy snake slithered by the sea
- What is the last letter sound in a word e.g. buss





Reading Words

- Children learn to blend sounds together to help them make words
- Some words just have to be learned e.g. the, there
- Children need to know the syllables





Individual reading

- Book bags go home on Wednesday and Friday with the following:
 - Book
 - Key words
 - Reading record (please fill this in)
- Please return every Monday and Friday





Do and Don'ts to help

- Do the words in random order
- Do it in small amounts
- Do make it fun!

- Don't compare children
- Don't read when they are tired

