

Phonics

At St Mary's all children in EYFS and KS1 have a discrete daily phonics lesson. We use the phonics programme 'Rising Stars Reading Planet Rocket Phonics.'

As a whole key stage we teach phonics in the morning, with every child working at their own level having been grouped according to the phonics phase they are working on.

With children who have not fully grasped phonics by the end of KS1, teaching continues into LKS2, with groups of children continuing to follow the scheme.

Reading

Here at St Mary's we aim to promote a love of reading in all children and we love celebrating our own book week each year. Each class has an engaging reading area with a range of books for the children to enjoy. Every child has access to our library where they can choose a book to take home on a weekly basis.

We use 'Rising Stars Reading Planet' as our home reading scheme, followed by free choice reading books from our school library.

We have Bug Club and Reading Plus online reading schemes for pupils to use, at home and in school, to support their reading and comprehension.