

Reading and Phonics at Merrylands Primary School

At Merrylands Primary School Phonics is taught using the Letters and Sounds Programme. It starts in Reception and continues to be taught through KS1. Children continue following Letters and Sounds at the beginning of Year 3 before moving onto the school's KS2 spelling programme.

The school reading scheme follows the colour band system and is made up of a wide range of texts from Oxford Reading Tree, Scholastic, Big Cat and other children's books. Each child has a reading book from the scheme and a reading record diary that is used by staff, parents and children to make comments about their reading. Children who are fluent, expressive and have good comprehension skills progress through the scheme to become Free Readers. These children have access to a range of books by different authors and various genres.

In addition to the reading book scheme the school also teaches Guided Reading. In KS1 and Year 3 children have access to a range of texts from the Project X Origin Guided Reading scheme. Year 4 to Year 6 teach reading through a whole class approach using the Cracking Comprehension scheme by Rising Stars.