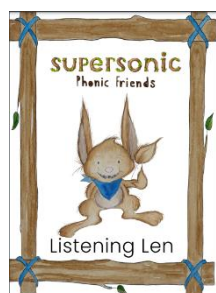


Supersonic Phonic Friends

Our new government validated phonics scheme is Supersonic Phonic Friends.



It has a woodland theme and characters to help children learn. Some of them are below...



It teaches phase 1 phonics alongside the other phases and has slightly different progression than our current scheme (more so up in phase 5). Phase 1 will be evident in some of the rhymes the scheme uses throughout to go with the characters above.

Listen with Len, before you pick up a pen

What can you see in the phonic TV?

My turn to help your brain learn

A super segment and a brilliant blend helps us to hear the word at the end

It includes interventions that ensure ALL children can keep up with the learning.

There is a plethora of resources that we will be able to share with children and parents to consolidate learning at home. A very exciting feature is that there is the option for parents to subscribe monthly (or yearly) in order to gain access to resources and lessons at home. While this is obviously an amazing option, it is vital you do not skip ahead on lessons, even if you think your child knows the previous sounds. There will also be parent newsletters sent home after a set of sounds has been learnt so that you know what your child has learnt and you will be able to reinforce these at home.

The biggest change you will see will be with your child's reading book.

We were lucky enough to have Anna Lucas (the creator and owner) in school before half term to re-organise our current school reading books to fit perfectly with the scheme. The book bands/colours will no longer be an accurate representation of your child's 'level'. We spent the entire day reading through every single reading book we have to ensure they fit with the Supersonic Friends Phonic progression. You might be sent a 'red' book home even if your child

has previously been on 'blue'. This does NOT mean your child has gone backwards. It means every word will be decodable. The reading book creators are not phonics experts so they are not always decodable. They will be now. If there is only one word that is not decodable this will be highlighted or written on the inside cover as a 'teaching point'. All books will have a new SSPF label on to outline the phase and focus of phonics.

Anna Lucas also made it clear that reading books from this point forward are not for you to teach your child at home, they are for children to show you what they have learnt. They should be able to read their book fluently*.

It is vital that parents also prioritise reading for pleasure with your child and that you use more interesting audio books/fiction/non-fiction books that you can read together and share a love of reading.