



## Phonics at Halstead Community Primary School

At Halstead Community Primary School we will follow the statutory requirements for phonics set out in the English Programmes of Study: Key Stages 1 and 2 National Curriculum in England 2013.

To achieve this phonics will be taught discreetly and systematically in daily phonics lessons in Early Years and Key Stage 1 using the **Read, Write Inc Phonics** program. Opportunities to use and apply these skills will also be provided in Plan, Do & Review time in the Early Years and during English lessons and guided reading sessions as well as in other subjects in the curriculum in Key Stage 1.

In Early Years and Key Stage 1 phonics lessons follow the **Read, Write Inc Phonics** program but this phonics scheme will be adapted, when required, to meet the learning needs of the children. When children have completed the **Read, Write Inc Phonics** program and are secure (usually when they have passed the threshold for the Phonics Screening Check) they will follow an adapted program to bridge the gaps between the phonics and spelling programs, to secure the reading and spelling of words containing different pronunciations and spellings for phonemes/graphemes, then move onto the **No-Nonsense Spelling** program which will be continued into Key Stage 2.

Teachers will informally assess phonics continuously during the discrete lessons and across all other subjects. Phonics in Early Years and Key Stage 1 will be formally assessed, at least once per term, using the **Read, Write Inc** assessment guidelines. Year 1 pupils will undertake the Phonics Screening Check at the end of year 1. Children who do not make the check threshold will be given another opportunity in year 2 to complete the check and given appropriate support/intervention so they are successful in the follow up check.

So children can practice and apply their phonics skills **we use a range of reading schemes which are book banded** using different colours for each reading level. These levelled books will be used during guided reading lessons as well as for the books children will take books home regularly from the class take home book collection.