

## Reading and Phonics at Elstow School

### The Reading Scheme at Elstow School

The aim of the reading scheme is to produce competent readers who read for meaning and enjoyment.

We use a variety of different reading schemes at Elstow. Initially, children are taught using decodable readers such as the Floppy's Phonics from Oxford Reading Tree and Phonics Bug from Pearson.

The books are colour banded with fiction and non-fiction books of similar levels grouped together. The progression of colour bands can be found below. These books are from a variety of publishers including Pearson, Oxford Reading Tree, Ginn and PM story books. Our books cover a wide variety of genres such as poetry, play scripts, novels and information texts.

As children become free readers they are encouraged to read books from the school or class library. They are encouraged to read silently for sustained periods of time both in school and at home as a vital part of homework.

Pink	
Red	
Yellow	
Blue	
Green	
Orange	
Turquoise	
Purple	
Gold	
White	
Lime	
Ruby	
Sapphire	

### Phonics at Elstow School

At Elstow School we teach phonics using the Letters and Sounds programme. Phonics is taught daily in KS1 and the Foundation Stage. As children move through the early stages of acquiring phonics, they practise by reading texts which are entirely decodable for them.