

Systematic Synthetic Phonics

At Stroud Valley Primary School, we teach phonics using Phonics International. It is an inclusive systemic synthetic phonics programme which supports children, and their families, from pre-school to Key Stage 2. The children learn to decode (to break down a written word to read), encode (to break down a spoken word to spell) and form letters simultaneously. As they go, they build up spelling word banks -enriching the children's stock of words. Each child at our school will be assessed on their oral segmenting skills (breaking down words); code reading; word reading; word spelling; letter formation and alphabetical order knowledge. Once assessed the child will be given the appropriate support and their progress will be monitored regularly.

What is synthetic phonics?

Synthetic phonics is associated with the teaching of reading in which phonemes (sounds) associated with particular graphemes (letters) are pronounced in isolation and blended together (synthesised). For example, children are taught to take a single-syllable word such as cat apart into its three letters, pronounce a phoneme for each letter in turn /k/, /a/, /t/, and blend the phonemes together to form a word.