



Waverley Abbey C of E Junior School

Phonics at Waverley Abbey

At Waverley, we use Monster Phonics which is a DfE validated phonics programme to support our children who are in the early stages of reading.

At the start of Year 3, children will complete a phonics screening check. Following on from this check, children who need further support in mastering their phonics will take part in daily phonics sessions. These children will also be given a monster phonics reading book to read in school and take home. This book will be changed weekly and will link to the sounds that the children are learning/revising in their phonics lessons. Children will be encouraged to read this several times in order to solidify the learning and ensure the graphemes learnt are committed to memory, this reducing the need to sound out/ blend aloud.

When the children are ready to stop phonics lessons, having reached the required level, we will assess their reading using PM benchmarking and give them a book band book. They will then be assessed regularly, and following the completion of stage 10, they will become a free reader.

