



Intent Statement – Phonics

At Farnsfield St Michael's we follow Twinkl Phonics, one of the Department for Education's validated phonics programmes. The Twinkl Phonics programme offers a coherently planned sequence of lessons that supports the effective teaching of phonics within Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. Whilst at our school, the children progress throughout the phonics Levels 2-6. Children are introduced to phonemes/ sounds and graphemes/ letters systematically. They also learn to develop and apply blending and segmenting skills for reading and writing. We aim for children to develop their phonics skills and knowledge through a systematic, synthetic approach. Phonics plays an important role to not just reading and writing but across the other curriculum subjects.

We use the Twinkl Phonics teaching PowerPoints, stories, games, additional texts and toolkits to enable the children to apply and practise their phonic skills. Teachers sometimes adapt the planned activities to meet the needs of our children at St Michaels, ensuring there are opportunities for challenge. We aim to develop the children's phonetic knowledge, as well as, confidence and enthusiasm for phonics learning. Applying their skills in fun and engaging lessons helps the children reach their full potential.