

Lumbertubs Phonics and Reading Journey...

Before children can attempt phonics and initial sounds, we value the importance of print in the environment. This includes labelling of resources, letters with meaning and resources in the environment



When children start at Lumbertubs Nursery, the children listen to and learn stories and rhymes as well as initial sounds.

The children learn to read words containing Set 1

Speed Sounds by sound blending, eg:

m-a-t = mat sh-o-p = shop

s-t-o-p = stop s-p-l-a-sh = splash

Once the children are blending they are introduced to reading books that match their phonics level. Spellings are also taught at this stage.

The children will move onto Set 3 sounds:

ea oi a-e i-e o-e u-e aw are ur er

ow ai oa ew ire ear ure

The children continue to read books matched to their phonics level to practice reading these words and reading with fluency.



Once the children have complete their phonics set 3, they are ready to explore into the world of Accelerated Reader. First a star assessment will take place which is a quiz to find a suitable reading range to match their ability. The range is books at Lumbertubs is vast and rich for all levels of readers. After each book has been read, a comprehension online quiz is taken by the pupil. This quiz will allow the teacher and child to really see if they understood the contents of the book. The Star Reader assessments takes place every half term to track the progress and allow children to constantly 'Aim for the Top.'

The next step is Set 2 sounds:

ay ee igh ow (as in *blow*) oo (as in *zoo*) oo (as in *look*) ar or air ir ou (as in *out*) oy

Children are taught to recognise these sounds at speed.

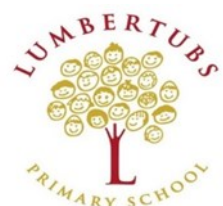
They are encouraged to spot these 'special friends' within words to develop their decoding skills and begin to read more fluently. They will also use this skill to practice their spellings.

As soon as children start in Reception, Set 1 Speed Sounds are introduced. We begin with sounds written with 1 letter:

m a s d t i n p g o c k u b f e l h r j v y w z x

We progress to sounds written with 2 letters (children will call these special friends):

sh ch th qu ng nk ck



...where the adventure never ends.