



### Phonics and Spelling at Edmund Waller

At Edmund Waller we teach reading and spelling with a phonic approach. We teach pupils that the sounds we say are written with spellings. English writing is more complicated than some languages, but we teach it gradually and systematically, so that it makes sense. We use the phonics programme Sounds-Write ([www.sounds-write.co.uk](http://www.sounds-write.co.uk)).

When children first start reading, it's important that they have been taught everything they need to know in order to read a particular book. From the very beginning, we use phonic books which do just that. These start from the first five sound-spelling correspondences that children learn in Reception and build up as the children learn more. We use two main schemes at Edmund Waller - those published by Sounds-Write and Phonic Books.