



Phonics & Pre-Phonics at The Bridge School

We have considered the profile of the pupils in each pathway in terms of how they learn and how to maximise their learning potential. We have then developed the approach needed to support the progress of all pupils with their phonics and pre-phonics skills. We offer our staff a bespoke CPD programme of coaching and modelling that is delivered by the Phonics Lead in our Trust. The pupils who are not ready for Read Write Inc (RWI) access different levels of our pre-phonics programme.

Please read this document in conjunction with our pupil pathway profiling document.

Level we offer & learning	Pupils	Resources/activities	How this looks in the	How we assess	How we record
intention	accessing		classroom		progress
Multi-sensory activities to	Pre-formal	Story massage	Pupils will work in small	Engagement	Evidence for Learning
support pupils' listening	learners	Sensory stories	groups, and staff will consider	Model	(EfL) – 1 piece of
& engagement skills.			how to limit the amount of	Bridge Banding -	evidence per week
		(These will be based around	waiting time. Pupils will have	Cognition &	minimum
Pre-phonics: Level 1		nursery rhymes to begin with)	their own set of sensory	Learning	
			resources to explore and all		
			TA's will be modelling and		
			supporting pupils to interact		
			with the multi-sensory		
			resources in front of them. The		
			will also use Intensive		
			Interaction.		
			Make use of spaces available –		
			e.g. Starlight room, rainbow room, library areas.		
Letters & Sounds	Bridging	Bags with:	Pupils will work in small groups	Engagement	Evidence for Learning
activities to support	pre-semi	Environmental sounds (door	of up to 4. TA's will engage	Model	(EfL) – 1 piece of
pupils' listening &	formal	bell, farm animals,	pupils through modelling and	Bridge Banding –	evidence per week
engagement skills.	learners &	pots/pans/wooden spoons,	Intensive Interaction. They can	Cognition &	minimum
	lower	sound socks, buzzers)	use different areas including	Learning	
Pre-phonics: Level 2	semi-		the outside classroom. The		





formal	Instrumental sounds	children can explore making	
learners	(musical instruments)	load/quiet, fast/slow sounds	
	Big Macs/Talking Tins	using different pots, pans,	
	Microphones	bowls, wooden spoons etc.	
	Puppets	Tuff tray with farm animals and	
		sound buttons. Children will	
	Environmental sounds	be encouraged to play with the	
	(earliest stage – aspect 1 -	animals, staff will model the	
	vehicle noises, animal	sounds the animals make. Can	
	noises, doorbells etc)	children copy the sounds? Can	
	Instrumental sounds (aspect	they find the correct animal to	
	2 – musical instruments –	go with the sound recorded on	
	loud/quiet, fast/slow, hide 7	the sound button?	
	find instruments)		
	Body percussion (aspect 3 –		
	follow the sound, action		
	songs)		
	Rhyme & rhythm (aspect 4 –		
	listen to the beat, nursery		
	rhymes)		
	Voice sounds (aspect 6 –		
	make a sound/vocalisation,		
	who is making the sound,		
	copy my sound, make a		
	car/animal sound)		
	Please see the Letters &		
	Sounds document to ensure		
	each bag has the resources		
	needed to teach each		
	aspect.		





Get ready for RWI activities to support pupils who are nearly ready to go onto the structured RWI scheme. Higher semi-formal learners. SR & CJ will create a list. Pre-phonics: Level 3	Semi- formal learners (will move on to RWI when ready)	What's in the box resources which contains: Objects for pupils to explore through a multi-sensory based approach with rhymes and song, and linked to the RWI sounds masdtpingo.	Pupils will work in small group (with up to 4 in a group). TA's will engage pupils through lots of modelling.	Bridge Banding – Cognition & Learning Bridge Banding - Reading	Evidence for Learning (EfL) 1 piece of evidence per week minimum
RWI to support pupils who are ready to recognise and read individual sounds, the letters that represent them, and how to form the letters when writing. Phonics: Level 4	Semi- formal learners Formal learners	RWI phonics scheme & resources including Ditty books & RWI books Rhymes/songs	Small groups and 1:1 work, following the structure and sequence suggested by Ruth Miskin (RWI).	Bridge Banding – Reading RWI assessments	Phonics books – 3 pieces of evidence per week Evidence is captured termly through assessments which are analysed by the Phonics Lead.