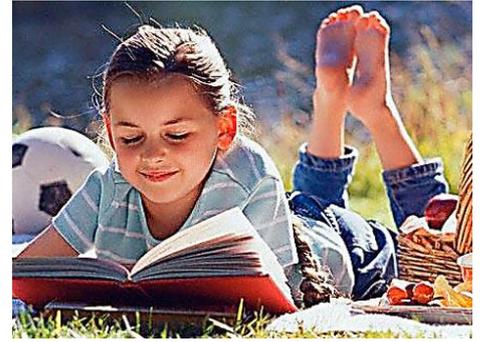




*'Reading books is the only out-of-school activity for 16-year-olds that is linked to getting a managerial or professional job in later life,'
University of Oxford study.*

At Holt House we know that children are readers when they read through choice for pleasure. We help and support children to learn the skills they need to achieve this.



Synthetic Phonics

Synthetic phonics is learning about sounds and then synthesising them together to make words. Every child in Holt House has a daily short phonics session, personalised to their needs. When children find phonics tricky they are given extra support in small groups. Phonics is taught in a fun way that everyone can enjoy. In the Autumn term parents and carers are invited to stay for a phonics session with their child.

We use Letters and Sounds and Jolly Phonics. More information can be found at
www.letters-and-sounds.com
<http://jollylearning.co.uk/>

Reading

At Holt House there are lots of opportunities for reading every day:

- Individual reading – one adult reading with one child
- Guided reading – one adult reading with a group where everyone has the same book
- Shared reading – one adult reading one big text large enough for everyone to see with a class
- A fun and inviting reading area in every classroom

Children have daily opportunities for shared reading. Every child has two guided reading sessions a week in KS1. Children are expected to read individually at home with their grown ups and have a home-school reading diary. When children need extra support we read with them individually in school too.

Sometimes children are given extra tuition by doing one of our special reading programmes, such as the Early Literacy Support programme.

Books

We use a variety of different schemes which are banded together in colours. In Foundation Stage 2 and Year 1 these colours are split up into numbered sections so that children can progress through finely graded stages.

We have library shelves that run down our main corridor with books for every topic so that children can 'read across the curriculum.'

The school is a member of the schools library service.

Children go on trips to the local library and we have special events about books on World Book Day.