



Year 1 – Jolly Phonics Introduction

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Dear Year 1 Parents,

During Year 1 your child will be introduced to the 'Jolly Phonics' reading programme from England.

Please see information about Jolly Phonics below that will help you to help your child:

- Jolly Phonics focuses on the sound that is made by each letter of the alphabet. It does not focus on the names of each letter.
- While learning Jolly Phonics, children learn 42 sounds. Every sound has an action and a song to help the children to remember.
- The Letters are not introduced in alphabetical order.
- The first group of letters is **S A T I P N**. This group has been chosen as they make more simple three letter words than any other six letters.
- Please encourage your children to use the letter sounds and not the letter names when helping them with homework.

There are many Jolly Phonics videos available on YouTube and lots of information regarding jolly phonics on the official Jolly Phonics website:

<http://jollylearning.co.uk/>

If you would like further information, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Yours faithfully,

Year 1 Teachers