



Cedars Park: Learning to Read with Twinkl Phonics and Rhino Readers



We at Cedars Park Primary School are incredibly grateful to work alongside you in helping your child to make the maximum progress possible in their reading. We use Twinkl Phonics and Rhino Readers as our reading scheme in KS1 so below is some guidance on this approach.

Twinkl Phonics

'Phonics' is a way of teaching children to read. In phonics lessons, children are taught that **letters** correspond to **sounds**. Learning this 'code' enables children to identify each sound in a word before blending these together to read or write whole words. The more sounds that children know, the more words they will be able to 'decode'.

Twinkl Phonics is a fully comprehensive, synthetic phonics teaching programme, designed to be used with children from Reception to Year 2. Delivered through the stories and adventures of Kit, Sam and the Twinkl Phonics family, the programme builds and develops the skills and understanding children need to become effective, independent readers and writers.

	Rhino Readers Level	Focus	Tricky Words
Level 2	2a	s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k	
	2b	e, u, r, h, b, f, l, ck, ss, ll, ff	to, the, no, go, I
	2c	Consolidation of Level 2 sound and compound words	All previous words
Level 3	3a	j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng	he, she, we, me, be, was
	3b	ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er	my, you, they, here, all, are
	3c	Consolidation of Level 3 Sounds	All previous words
Level 4	4a	CVCC and CCVC words without Level 3 digraphs or trigraphs	
	4b	Words containing adjacent consonants, including Level 3 digraphs/ trigraphs Polysyllabic Words	were, there, little, one, do, when, out, what
	4c	Three-Letter Adjacent Consonants	All previous words
Level 5	5a First Steps	'ay' saying /ai/ 'oy' saying /oi/ 'ie' saying /igh/ 'ea' saying /ee/	could, should, would, want, oh, their, Mr, Mrs
	5a	'a_e' saying /ai/ 'e_e' saying /ee/ 'i_e' saying /igh/ 'o_e' saying /oa/ 'u_e' saying /oo/ and /yoo/ 'ou' saying /ow/ Long Vowel Sounds 'ch' saying /c/ 'ch' saying /sh/	love, your, people, looked, called, asked, water, where, who, why, thought, through
	5b	'ir' saying /ur/ 'ue' saying /yoo/ and /oo/ 'ew' saying /yoo/ and /oo/ 'y' saying /ee/ 'aw'/'au' saying /or/ 'ow'/'oe' saying /oa/ 'wh' saying /w/ 'c' saying /s/ 'g' saying /j/ 'ph' saying /f/ 'ea' saying /e/	work, house, many, laughed, because, different, any, eye, friend, also, once, live, please, coming, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, brother, more, before
	5c	'ie' saying /ee/ 'tch' saying /ch/ 'are'/'ear' saying /air/ 'ore' saying /or/	January, February, April, July, scissors, beautiful, castle, treasure, door, floor, bought, favourite, autumn, gone, colour, other, does, talk, two, know

Level 6	6a	'y' saying /igh/ 'dge' saying /j/ 'ge' saying /j/ 6a 6b 6c 'gn' saying /n/ 'kn' saying /n/ 'wr' saying /r/ 'le' saying /l/	four, eight, world, poor, great, break, steak
	6b	'eer' saying / ear/ 'ey' saying /ee/ 'mb' saying /m/ 'a' and 'al' saying /or/ 'o' saying /u/ 'ture'	busy, clothes, whole, listen, build, earth, delicious, fruit, learn, search, famous, shoe, pretty, neighbour, group, England, tongue, country, heart, dangerous
	6c	'war' saying /wor/ 'wor' saying /wur/ 'wa' saying /wo/ 'qua' saying /quo/ 's' saying /zh/ 'tion'	special, enough, aunt, father, prove, improve, hour, move, sure, sugar, half, quarter, straight, touch, caught, daughter, journey, area, heard, early

Rhino Readers

The Rhino Readers books pair perfectly with the Twinkl Phonics teaching scheme which is taught at Cedars Park.

Many reading schemes, like Rhino Readers, start with books containing just a few letter sounds and gradually become more complex. To make maximum progress, children should be reading **fully decodable books**. This means that the books children are given should match up exactly to the phonics that they have learned. Books shouldn't contain any letter sounds not yet taught. With fully decodable books, children can use their phonics skills to tackle every word and there's no need to rely on guesswork or clues from the pictures. This helps them quickly gain confidence and feel successful when they read. **Rhino Readers is a fully decodable reading scheme.**

Working Through the Rhino Readers Scheme

Our decodable books match up with Levels 2–6 of Twinkl Phonics. The scheme follows the same levels as Twinkl Phonics with each level split into three 'sublevels' – a, b and c.

- ✓ Your child's teacher will teach a set (or sets) of letter sounds and tricky words in phonics lessons.
- ✓ A book (or recommended level) will be suggested or given to the child to read that includes the recently taught phonics.
- ✓ The child will read several books at this level to practise and consolidate this recently taught phonics. They will also develop fluency and comprehension skills by reading several books at the same level.
- ✓ Meanwhile, the child's teacher will begin to teach the next set (or sets) of letter sounds and tricky words.
- ✓ When the child has secured their learning, they will progress onto the next sublevel (as recommended by the teacher).

Twinkl Phonics Level	Rhino Readers books	Year Group (schools in England)	Age of Children
Level 2	2a	Reception	4-5 years
	2b		
	2c		
Level 3	3a	Reception	4-5 years
	3b		
	3c		
Level 4	4a	Reception	4-5 years
	4b		
	4c		
Level 5	5a	Year 1	5-6 years
	5b		
	5c		
Level 6	6a	Year 2	6-7 years
	6b		
	6c		

This is just an overview. Every child progresses at their own pace.

As some levels last a lot longer than others, children may stay on some sublevels for a while. Different children will be ready to move up at different points, too. If you have any questions about our Rhino Reader books, please speak to your class teacher.