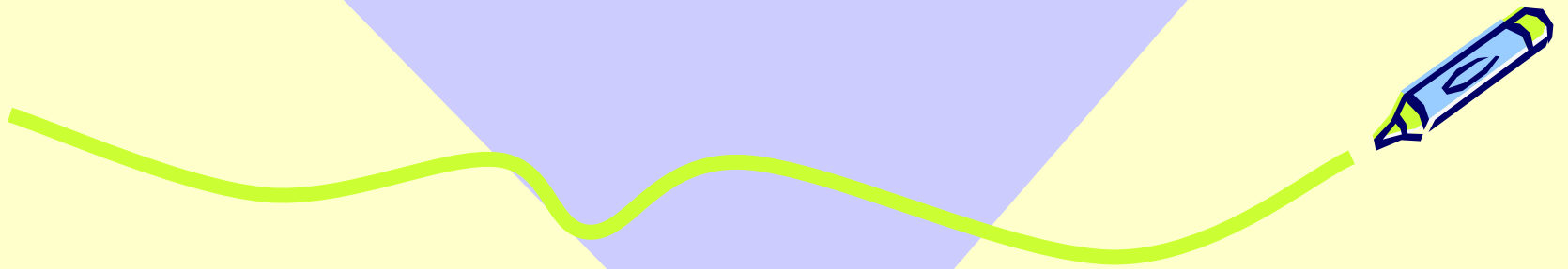
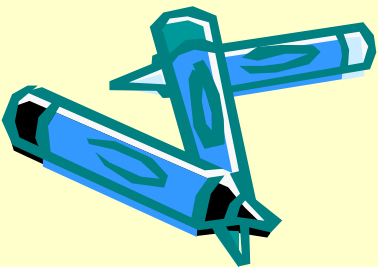
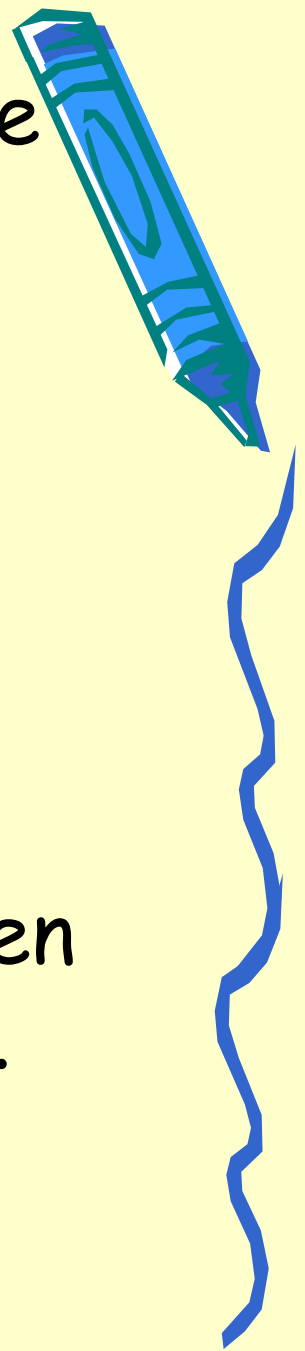


How To Help Phonics and Reading



- At Cranford Park Academy we value reading as a life skill and are dedicated to enabling children to become lifelong readers. We teach phonics through the Sounds-Write linguistic phonics approach. The rationale for using this approach is that children are taught to understand the relationship between spoken language and written words.

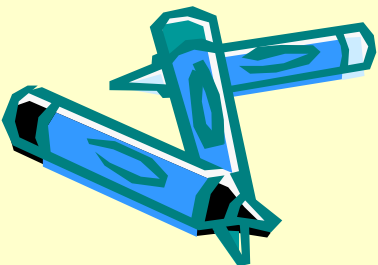
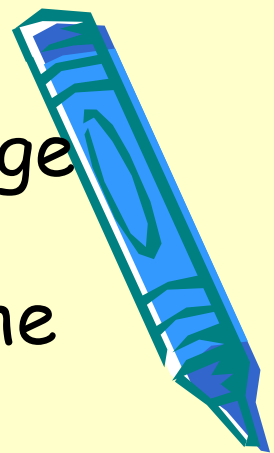


Teaching through this approach allows children to develop their phonics knowledge of:

- Segmenting - the ability to pull apart the individual sounds in words

e.g. dog = d - o - g

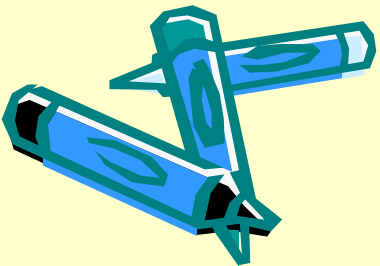
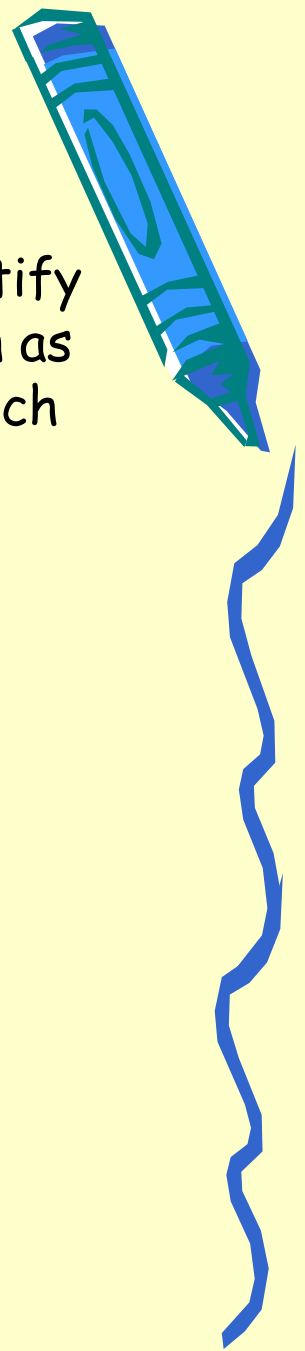
- Blending - the ability to push sounds together to build words e.g. c-a-t = cat
- Phoneme Manipulation - the ability to insert sounds into words and delete sounds from words. This skill is necessary to develop accuracy in reading and spelling.



Sounds

When reading with your child encourage your child to identify each sound in the word and blend it together. This is known as decoding. Follow this link to ensure your are pronouncing each sound correctly:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8ZMfYjdN-s>



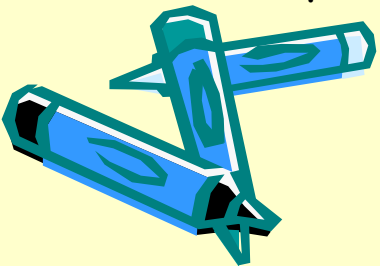
Why is reading and learning to read so important?



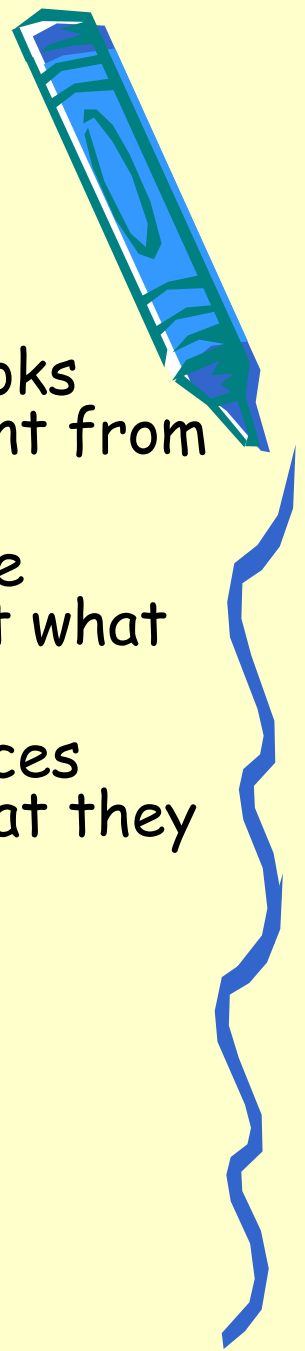
Reading is one of the first things that children learn when they start school. It is the foundation of all education. When children can read, other subjects then become available to them and independent learning can begin. Those who are unable to read well will find themselves at a constant disadvantage throughout their education.

Reading doesn't only have educational benefits but social ones as well. Reading with your child can be one of the most exciting, memorable and special times for you as a parent. It is not everyday you can help teach your child a skill they will use every single day for the rest of their lives!

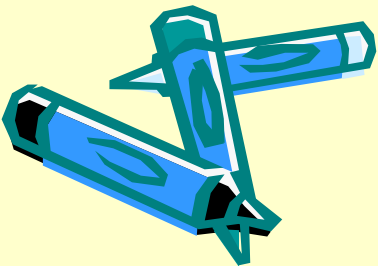
Learning to read also helps to instil confidence, independence and self belief that will massively help your child's all round development.



Ways to help at home



- Read to your child - Encourage children to look at books that interest them. Let them choose a book they want from the library.
- Encourage your child to 'read' what is happening in the pictures. Prompt them to tell you in a sentence about what is happening.
- Talk to your child - Encourage them to talk in sentences about what they are doing, what they can see and what they have done.
- Play games like 'I spy'
- Sing nursery rhymes
- Visit your local library



If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.



Thank you for your ongoing support.

