

At Scotholme we teach phonics using Letters and Sounds. We follow the Communication, Language and Literacy Development Programme which is available to all Schools and Academies within Nottingham City. It weaves the key elements of Every Child A Talker and Communication, Language and Literacy together.



At Scotholme we believe that teaching phonics is the best way for children to become confident readers and writers. During Foundation and Key stage 1, pupils receive a phonics lesson every day where they learn which sound each letter makes and how to build these into words.

To write unknown words pupils stretch out the word (segmenting) so they can write a letter for each sound. To read an unknown word children learn to say each sound they can see and then blend them together to read to whole word.

In Year 1 we take part in the National Phonics Screening where we check that children can rely on their phonics knowledge to read unknown words.

As children's confidence in phonics grows, so does their love of reading and writing. If you would like to find out more about how to support your child with their reading and writing then please speak to your child's teacher.