



"Inspiring minds to ignite lifelong learning"



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Phonics at Onchan

Onchan School Key Drivers

Outdoor Learning

We take our Phonics learning outside frequently and use chalk to practise writing our new learning on the playground. We also create hunts around our outdoor learning area.

Blended Learning

Where appropriate, we use websites and YouTube videos to enhance our curriculum. Useful websites are shared with parents to enable them to continue the learning at home.

Intent – What are our aims?

At Onchan School we aim to give children the tools they need to be successful in reading and writing. As well as this we want children to understand and be excited by the complexities of the English Language and in doing so become more independent learners.

Implementation – How are we working towards our aims?

Phonics sessions are delivered five times a week in Foundartion Stage and Key Stage One. Each year group has new codes which are explicitly taught and consolidation time for previous and new learning. Children are encouraged to apply their learning in all of their reading and writing oppotunites in class and through their Phonics Learning Logs at home. Children are also given chances to simply enjoy reading and classes have class libraries which the children can access.

Impact – How do we know when we have achieved our aims?

We can see the impact of our teaching through the children's enthusiasm for Phonics lessons and through their excitement when they are able to apply their learning in other subjects. In addition, children's love for reading rewards and choosing to read a book over other activities evidences our aims being achieved. Furthermore, assessment data can be utilised to track children's Phonics, Reading and Writing progress.

Extra Opportunities at Onchan

Parent's are invited into school every Friday morning at 8.40am to "Stay and Read" with their children for 15 minutes. KS1 award a "Reading Star" each Friday afternoon. There is a box of "Breaktime Books" which teacher's bring outside for children to read during breaktime if they choose. KS1 have "Bedtime Books" and can choose to take a book home to enjoy. Year 1 children are able to attend a Reading Club during lunch. We celebrate World Book Day annually through whole school events.