**Jolly Phonics: Information for Parents**

1. **Learning the Letter Sounds**

Jolly Phonics is a synthetic phonics scheme that teaches children the alphabetic code of English. A multisensory method is used to introduce the children to the letter sounds. There is a storyline, action and song for each sound. By doing an action associated with the sound, e.g., rub tummy and say “mmmmm” for the /m/ sound, the children remember it more easily. As the letters are taught, they will be added to their’ Sound Book’ which are brought home each week. Please go through each sound with your child. The letters are not in alphabetical order. It is important to note that your child will learn each letter by its sound, not its name. Once the 26 letter sounds are taught, your child will then learn how to put or ‘blend’ these sounds together to make or read simple words.

1. **Letter Formation**

It is very important that your child holds the pencil correctly. The pencil should be held in the ‘tripod’ grip between the thumb and first two fingers. Your child will learn how to form/write each letter which will be reinforced for homework.

1. **Storybooks**

A child will benefit greatly from a love of reading for pleasure. This can come from being read to. Once a child has begun to learn the letter sounds they will be able to pick them out in words.

Parental support is important to all children as they benefit from plenty of praise and encouragement whilst learning. For more information please go to [www.jollyphonics.co.uk](http://www.jollyphonics.co.uk) .Here you can listen to the sounds/songs with your child to reinforce their learning.