



Spirituality Overview: Phonics and early reading

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Self</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading and the acquisition of phonic knowledge enables children to have the right language to express themselves.• Reading opportunities allow children to encounter and imagine other worlds and possibilities.• Able to write their responses to situations that arise.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Others</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encouraging and supporting each other in learning sounds and decoding given words.• Creating a respectful learning environment in phonics and reading sessions to allow all children to learn and progress.• Understanding how fundamental it is that we are able to read to access a variety of materials and the greater curriculum.• Being able to read and then write words of affirmation to bring a positive influence to those around them.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Transcendence (Beyond)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early reading allows children to encounter and imagine other worlds and possibilities.• Children can reflect on characters' feelings and moral choices in story times and reading groups.• Interactions with books and words allow them to explore the meaning of words and experiences and create a sense of wonder about the world.• Phonics knowledge and the ability to read encourages children to have empathy towards situations beyond they may not have encountered.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nature/ World</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows children to access the wider curriculum to access subjects such as Music, Art, Science and PE.• Access and encounters within the natural environment through phonics and reading can nurture a deeper spiritual awareness, where children feel connected to something beyond themselves.• Taking time to enjoy and read a book to ground themselves.