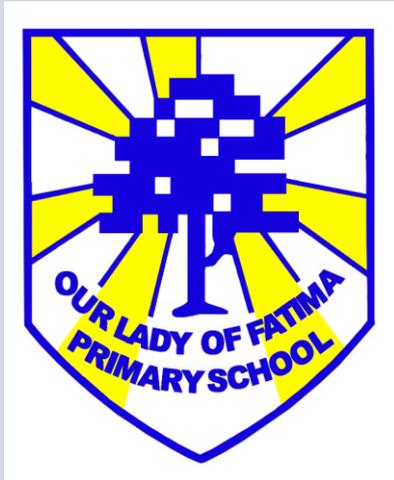
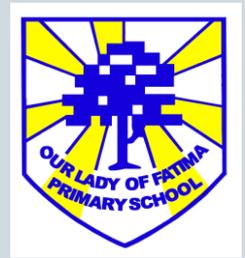


Phonics – Read Write Inc. (RWI)



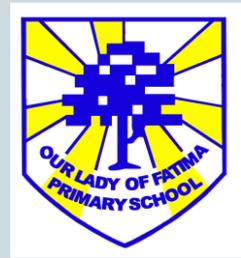


Introduction

Children learn a great deal from other people.

As parents and carers, you are your child's first teachers. You have a powerful influence on your child's early learning.





The spoken language

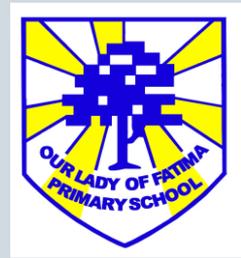
From a very early age, children develop an awareness of the different sounds in our spoken language(s).

They learn how to use their voices:

- to make contact with you
- to let you know what they need
- to show how they are feeling

As parents and carers, you best understand your child's communications; you are key in helping them to develop their speaking and listening skills.





How can you help?

Provide your child with lots of different opportunities to speak and listen with others:

- Preparing meals
- Tidying up
- Putting shopping away
- Getting ready to go out

Switch off the TV, radio and mobile phones

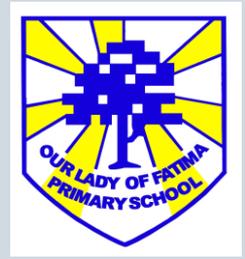
Show you are interested in their conversation

Read stories

Use puppets and toys



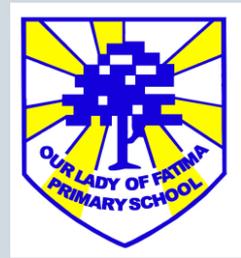
The importance of speech sounds



Over time, your child will begin to distinguish between different speech sounds (phonemes), and they will match sounds to letters (graphemes). This is called phonic knowledge.

The teaching of phonics will give children the skills they need to tackle new words and help to move them towards reading different kinds of text fluently and confidently and most importantly with enjoyment.





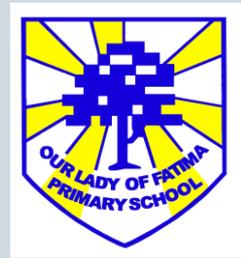
RWI Speed Sounds

This is begun in the Reception year.

Children begin to formally learn the sounds in the English language.

Phonics lessons are fun sessions involving lots of speaking, listening and games.





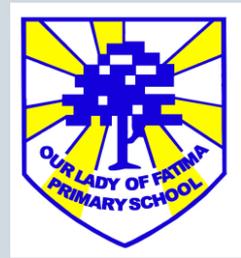
Not all children will learn at the same rate!

Your child should be supported *whatever* their rate of learning.

Children are grouped according to their phonic knowledge.

There is a very close link between *difficulty with phonics* and *hearing*, so if your child is making progress more slowly than expected, it is worth having their hearing checked.





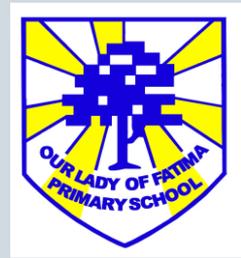
Sound talk

The separate sounds (phonemes) are spoken aloud, in order, all through the word, and are then merged together into the whole word.

The merging is called **blending**, and is a vital skill for reading.

Eg: c-a-t = cat





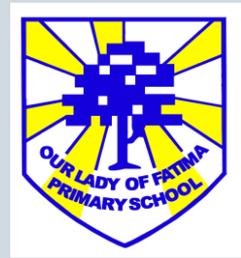
Sound talk

Children will also learn to do this the other way round. Eg: cat = c-a-t

The whole word is spoken aloud and then broken up into its sounds (phonemes) in order, through the word.

This is called **segmenting**, and is a vital skill for spelling.





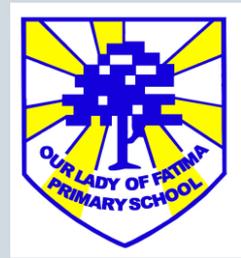
Learning the phonemes

Children will learn the phonemes (sounds) for a number of letters (graphemes).

They will also learn that some phonemes are made up of more than one letter,

eg: /ll/ as in b-e-ll





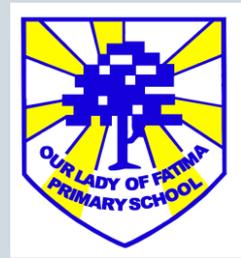
Saying the sounds

Your child will be taught how to pronounce the sounds (phonemes) correctly to make blending easier.

Sounds should be sustained where possible (e.g. sss, mmm, fff).

If not, 'uh' sounds after consonants should be reduced where possible (e.g. try to avoid saying 'b-uh', 'c-uh').





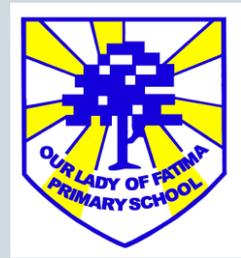
Making words

Now the children will be *seeing* letters and words, as well as hearing them.

They will be shown how to make whole words by:

- pushing magnetic letters together to form little words
- Reading little words on the board
- Breaking up words into individual sounds



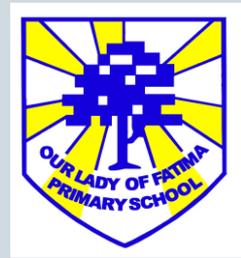


Tricky words

Your child will also learn several tricky words; those that cannot be sounded out

Eg: **the, to, I, go, no**





How can I help?

Sing an alphabet song together

Play **'I spy'**

Continue to play with magnetic letters, making words and blending sounds together.

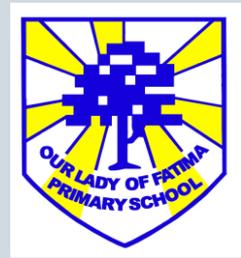
Praise your child for trying out words

Practise reading tricky words

Hear your child read everyday

Play pairs





Example RWI Lesson

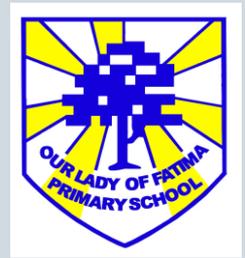
We have created a sample lesson for you to view to showcase how RWI lessons in school take place.

Please use these examples and teaching strategies at home. If there are any questions please contact Mrs Lake via email:

reception@olfatima.bham.sch.uk

<https://youtu.be/9Oq42ocsHf4>





Useful Sites

Guide on saying sounds correctly:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

Video about how blending sounds is taught:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNyFikwNQTg>

Great phonics games website:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

