

Beau Vallon Primary School



READING SCHEME

OVERVIEW

A reading scheme is a series of books that have been carefully written to support the process of learning to read and to help children make progress as readers.

When your child is learning to read, they need to read books at the right level of challenge. If your child's book is too hard, they will find it frustrating (and so will you) and might be put off reading. If their book is too easy, their reading won't get any better. Your child will read several books at one level, band or colour before your child's teacher will decide that they are ready to move on. The reading schemes used are as follows:

- **Alap**

'Aprann Lir avek Papiyon' (Alap) or Learn to Read with Butterfly project was officially launched in 2009 and was part of the education reform agenda. More specifically, for early childhood learners, this aspect of the reform was concerned with the review of the early childhood curriculum to increase focus on literacy, thus enhancing the economic and social advantages of having three national languages.

- **Jolly Phonics**

Jolly Phonics, teaches children to read and write using synthetic phonics, which is widely recognised as the most effective way to teach children to read and write in English.

- **Usborne**

The Usborne Reading Programme is a collection of over 350 reading books, both fiction and non-fiction, graded in eight levels for guidance. Beautifully produced, with lively writing and fabulous illustrations, the books are designed to capture the imagination and build the confidence of beginner readers, and to motivate and inspire children who may find reading difficult or dull. Find out more about the different levels and see all titles in the programme in this catalogue.

- **Read with me: Ladybirds**

A fun reading scheme that uses the 'look and say' approach to learning to read. Essential key words are introduced and regularly repeated to assist with pronunciation and meaning. Level one is for starter readers.