



Supporting Families

Families play a **vital role** in supporting a child's learning and we encourage parents or carers wherever possible to get involved:

- when a child has a Literacy Lab place, we offer parents the opportunity to visit and see our work in action
- we work with the school to set up coffee mornings for parents to meet and learn more
- we also run parent workshops, introducing them to our work so that they can support their child at home. Topics include talking and communicating with your child, phonics and reading for pleasure

With family support and encouragement, we know children do better.

[www://](http://www.thechildrensliteracycharity.org.uk)

You can find tips, resources and more on how to support your child's reading at home in the information section on our website at: thechildrensliteracycharity.org.uk/helping-your-child-at-home/



Welcome to Literacy Lab

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The **Literacy Lab programme** is designed to help your child improve all aspects of their literacy including speaking, listening, reading and writing. We design our programmes based on the needs of your child, giving them the best opportunities to catch up with their learning.

Your child will work with an **expert tutor** from the Children's Literacy Charity twice a week for approximately 45 minutes.

We create a safe space where each child can reach their potential.



What happens in a Literacy Lab?

Our Literacy Lab is a special space at school, full of exciting resources that will support your child's learning. Not only do we focus on developing your child's literacy skills, we provide an atmosphere where your child will feel a sense of belonging and will grow in confidence in order to become a resilient learner.

The sessions are fun and engaging and aim to develop a love of learning and promote the joy of reading.



Reading

We will be teaching your child phonics and making sure that they can use phonics in their reading and writing. We use lots of different resources to make learning phonics fun.

Your child will read a book at their level during every session. We will help your child to read fluently and confidently.

We will also let your child choose a story that we can read aloud and enjoy together.

Writing

There will be many opportunities for your child to improve their vocabulary and to develop their spoken language skills.

We will be playing games, discussing books and thinking about different questions. Your child will learn how to predict, to explain and to use their own opinion.

The children in Literacy Lab will be learning to apply their phonic knowledge to their writing by sounding out the words. They will also be writing about stories, characters and different settings that they see in the books that we read.

We will encourage the children to write in sentences, to use adjectives and to make their sentences longer. We will be supporting them to say a sentence before they write it down.