Phonics Vision Statement

At Hodnet Primary School we are passionate about ensuring that all of our children become confident and enthusiastic readers and writers with a love for books by the end of Key Stage One. We believe that phonics provides the foundations of learning to become fluent readers and writers. Through daily, systematic and consistent high quality phonics teaching, children learn to segment words to support their spelling ability and blend sounds to read words. To allow our children to develop a strong phonic awareness and effective blending and decoding skills, we have chosen to use the synthetic phonics programme 'Twinkl Phonics'. A consistent and structured approach from Early Years, through Key Stage 1 and into Key Stage 2 for those who require it supports children to progress and gain the skills necessary to achieve these aims.

We strongly believe that teaching children to read and write independently is one of the core purposes of a primary school, enabling them to access a broad and exciting curriculum and ensuring they flourish as learners throughout their time at our school. These fundamental skills not only hold the keys to the rest of the curriculum but also have a huge impact on children's self-esteem and future life chances.