



In Foundation 2, reading books are issued once the children have been taught the first 42 sounds (phonemes). Our early reading books have been carefully chosen, containing mostly phonetically regular words that children can sound out and read independently. Once children have mastered the phonic skills and are familiar with a wider range of phonemes, they progress onto books that have been 'Book Banded' to a specific reading level. At this stage, we introduce different reading strategies and a wider range of texts. We encourage children to read with expression and confidence, making informed choices about the books they select. Weekly Guided Reading sessions are also used to specifically teach the skills of reading to groups of children of similar ability.

Our reading scheme books form only a small part of the reading experience at John T. Rice. We aim to foster a love of reading through providing quality books and resources that children can share and enjoy both at school and at home. The importance and joy of reading is reinforced continually through rich and stimulating curriculum experiences.

