



At White Hall Academy we follow the phonics scheme Supersonic Phonic Friends. This scheme was selected for multiple reasons:

The scheme was written by a leading expert in the field of phonics, who provides ongoing support to schools using the scheme. The scheme is well reviewed by renowned teaching practitioners as well as by the schools currently using the scheme.

Greg Bottrill, the eminent EYFS teacher and author of 'Can I go and Play Now' has said: "I don't usually post recommendations, but for Supersonic Phonic Friends I'll make an exception. Phonics needs joy for it to truly 'work' – something that Anna Lucas has immersed the approach in!".

Experience enables the staff at White Hall Academy to understand the importance of a multi-sensory approach to learning. Supersonic Phonic Friends adopts such an approach, and therefore we feel this scheme is well suited to the children in our school. The characters, actions and phrases in the scheme help the children to remember and utilise their phonics skills when both reading and writing.

On entry to our school many children are still developing their phonological awareness. It is vital that the children develop such an awareness to enable them to learn to read and write using phonics. Supersonic Phonic Friends includes a robust phase that helps develop the children's phonological awareness, most other schemes do not. Therefore, the scheme can be used to teach the phonics seamlessly from Nursery to Key Stage One. The scheme also covers the Year 1 spelling patterns and will soon cover the Year2 required spelling patterns.

Over the last few academic years our school has invested in further reading scheme books for our children. We find the children enjoy reading the texts included in the reading scheme and progress well using these. These books can be used alongside Supersonic Phonic Friends and therefore Supersonic Phonic Friends in an ideal fit in our school.

At White Hall Academy we aim to work closely with the children's parents to support their learning. Supersonic Phonic Friends provides a range of resources that staff can easily add to our online learning platform, Class Dojo that enable parents to support their child with their phonics learning at home.