

LEARNING SUPPORT

Teacher in charge – Mr D Radbourne

Aims

- To help pupils transfer successfully from Primary to Secondary school
- To provide literacy and numeracy support for those below expected levels.
- To offer help with homework
- To build the confidence and skills needed at Secondary School

Support

- Most support is provided through Teaching Assistants working in class supporting the pupils, the curriculum and teaching staff
- After-school homework club runs after school in the Library and is staffed by two Teaching Assistants
- The Learning Support base is open at break time for pupils that need support at this time and is supervised
- Literacy support and numeracy is delivered in curriculum time for pupils below expected level.
- The Learning Support base is well stocked with reading books and pupils are encouraged to read every day at home, particularly books in the Accelerated Reader Scheme

Course description

Pupils follow a carefully structured phonics course, using Read Write Inc materials designed to boost literacy skills. The course covers a range of topics including reading, writing, spelling and grammar.

Homework

Pupils are encouraged to read at home every day and work on key words for spelling which will help them increase in confidence and work towards their Individual Education Plan targets.

Assessment

All Year 7 entrants are tested for reading, spelling, free writing and cognitive ability. This will form the basis of their Profile targets. Reassessment of reading, writing speed and spelling takes place throughout the year and at the end of the academic year, this information is used to assess those that will need support in Year 8.