

Hebrew Reading

At Clore Shalom, we use the **Aleph Champ** programme to develop our pupils' Hebrew reading skills. The scheme consists of six stages, which children work through at their own pace, allowing them to build confidence and fluency as they progress. Starting with recognising and reading Hebrew letters, the programme gradually introduces vowels and develops children's ability to read increasingly complex words and syllables. This structured approach enables every child to make steady progress while developing accuracy, confidence and enjoyment in Hebrew reading.

Book	Letters	Vowels	Syllables
Aleph Champ White	Aleph – Nun		
Aleph Champ Red	Samech – Tav		
Aleph Champ Orange	All letters	Kamatatz, patach, Tzeireh	one and two syllables
Aleph Champ Yellow	All letters	Segol, Sh'vah, Cholam	Up to three syllables
Aleph Champ Green	All letters	Chirik, Kubutz, Shuruk	Up to three syllables
Aleph Champ Blue	All letters	Chataf Kamatz, Chataf Segol, Exceptions	Up to four syllables

All of these skills are woven throughout Jewish Studies lessons, enabling children to become increasingly confident and fluent Hebrew readers. Beginning with secure recognition and recall of Hebrew letters and sounds, pupils gradually develop the ability to decode unfamiliar words and read with greater accuracy and automaticity. As their fluency strengthens, children learn to break down and analyse vocabulary from the Torah, identifying prefixes, root letters and common language patterns to support comprehension.

This approach moves beyond simple decoding, helping pupils to develop a deeper understanding of the meaning and structure of Hebrew texts. Through regular exposure to Torah vocabulary, chanting, discussion and text exploration, children build both linguistic knowledge and a meaningful connection to Jewish learning. Over time, they become more independent readers who can approach Hebrew texts with confidence, curiosity and increasing insight, strengthening their engagement with Jewish heritage, traditions and values.