

Phonics and Reading

Workshop for Parents

The Power of Reading

- We want your child to be a confident and fluent reader; and to nurture a love of reading within them
- Most aspects of the curriculum require children to read
- We know that reading has a dramatic impact on achievements in school and beyond



How do we teach reading?

- Reception
 - Phonics
 - 1:1 reading
 - Shared reading
- Year 1
 - Phonics
 - Guided reading
- Year 2
 - Phonics / spelling
 - Guided reading
- KS2
 - Whole class reading



What is Phonics?



- We teach reading through systematic synthetic phonics (SSP)
- There is overwhelming evidence that SSP is far more effective than other approaches for early literacy acquisition
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42jb6PopZCI>

A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound.

The phonemes used when speaking English are:

s sat	t tap	p pan	n nose	m mat	a ant	e egg	i ink	o otter
g goat	d dog	ck click	r run	h hat	u up	ai rain	ee knee	igh light
b bus	f farm	l lolly	j jam	v van	oa boat	oo cook	oo boot	ar star
w wish	x axe	y yell	z zap	qu quill	or fork	ur burn	ow now	oi boil
ch chin	sh ship	th think	th the	ng sing	ear near	air stair	ure sure	er writer

A grapheme is the way sounds are recorded
 Most sounds can be written in different ways:

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz			nk
ph	le		kn	wr	se		se			
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b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	c
bb	k	dd	gg		g	pp		tt	wh			tch
	ck				ge							

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					ai	y	y	o
					aigh			

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ue			ore		er					
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Phonics

- English language contains around 44 different sounds (phonemes)
- 175+ ways of writing these sounds using letters (graphemes)
- Children are taught the sounds before learning to blend to read words
- It is important that we use pure sounds to help children with blending
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

Reading video

Can you read these words?

chax



shang



thoil



vigh



shep



zich

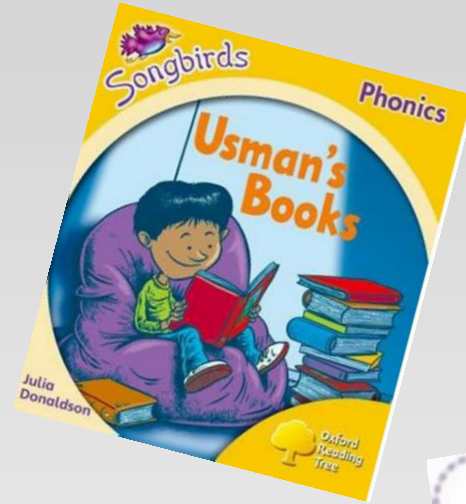


When are the sounds taught?

- Phonics is taught every day
- Reception - phase 1 to 3
- Year 1 - phase 4 and 5
- Year 2 - phase 6 (spelling)

Supporting phonics at home

- Children in reception will start with wordless books
- The teacher will send phonics books when the child is able to blend – these will be changed each week when they are returned
- Sounds, games and e-books set on Phonics Bug
- Jolly Phonics videos on YouTube



Reading together with your child

- Read together every day
- Talk about the book before you begin reading
- Make it enjoyable
- Read with different voices
- Ask questions
- Retell the story



Thank you. Any questions?