

## What is Phonics?

\*The children have a 20 minute daily phonics lesson. \*Children are taught to read by breaking down words 'graphemes' into separate sounds or 'phonemes'. They are then taught how to blend these sounds together to hear and read the whole word.

There are around 40 different sounds.





# The sounds

<u>Digraph</u>- 2 letters making one sound cow the children should say this as c-ow and not c-o-w

<u>Trigraphs</u>- 3 letters making one sound night the children should say this as n-igh-t and not n-i-g-h-t which does not sound like night.

<u>Split digraphs-</u> 2 vowels with a consonant in between. Use to be known as the magic e! spine - i\_e home - o\_e cube - u\_e

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYx1CyDMZSc&safe=a</u> <u>ctive</u>

#### Simple Speed Sounds





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\*Every Year 1 child in the country will be taking the statutory phonics screening check in June.

\*The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during phonics lessons and it will be done with the class teacher.

\*The focus of the check is to check that children are reading at age related expectations.

\* The check will ensure children are ready for the year 2 SATs and identify any gaps.

# What will the children do?

\*The check will take 4 to 9 minutes to complete;

\*They will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together. e.g. d-o-g - dog



\*The check will consist of 40 words and non-words;

\*Children will be told if the word is a real or 'alien' word, with a corresponding alien image.







\*The screening will take place throughout a given week in June. The children cannot retake the test at any other time so it is very important your child is in school during this week.

\*Teachers will conduct all of the screening checks with the children. The children are familiar with this routine.

\*The check has been designed so that children of all abilities will be able to take part.

\*The children will complete the check one to one in a quiet area of the school.

\*We are not permitted to indicate to the children at the time whether they have correctly sounded out and / or blended the word.



\*The children will be scored against a national standard (*determined by DfE*) in the past this has been 32.

\*We will inform you of the results during the summer term with their summer report.

\*If your child's score falls below the national standard they will be supported and will complete the screening again in year 2.

### How can you help?

Children can practise their phonics by playing games online. They can choose phase 3, 4, or 5

- \* Buried Treasure
- \* Dragons' den
- \* Dinosaur eggs



<u>www.phonicsplay.com</u> <u>www.ictgames.com/literacy</u>



## How can you help?

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**REMEMBER:** Phonics is not the only way you become a good reader. Continue to read with your child each night and encourage them to:

- \*Sound out the words and blend the sounds together.
- \*Find the special sounds...use a sound mat to support

\*re-read to check it makes sense.

- \* Ask questions about the book.
- \* And most importantly **ENJOY READING**!



### **Phonic Websites**

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/phonics/

mix of very good interactive games and worksheets covering most phonic phases. Recommend Sandcastle quiz for phase 3 and 5.

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/literacy/

a very good selection of interactive games focussing on phonics and sentence construction. Each is split into medium/hard/really hard and are short and fun.

www.ictgames.com/literacy.html

a great selection of games that link well with games in Letters and Sounds.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

a selection of interactive games for all phonic phases.

www.free-phonics-worksheets.com

worksheets for-

- long vowel sounds,

- Phase 3 and 5 sounds.

www.firstschoolyears.com

a good selection of resources including worksheets and some interactive games. Covers-- Phase 3 and 5 sounds

- Phase 6 work such as prefixes and suffixes, plurals and tense worksheets.

- extensive list of long vowel worksheets and games such as hangman.

www.sparklebox.co.uk

www.twinkl.co.uk

Has a Letters and Sounds section that covers all the phonic phases and the tricky words.

www.northwood.org.uk/phonics

interactive games for a range of sounds.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYx1CyDMZSc&safe=active

how to say the sounds - parent information.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_UIv63W9StE&safe=active

phonic screening recap for parents



