

Helping your child at home

Magnetic letters/letter cards

Have fun finding the letters and saying the sounds with your child. Place them on the floor or a magnetic surface like your fridge or a tin tray.

Phoneme Hunt

Encourage your child to identify sounds they know on food packets, road signs or shop names.

Sound Talk

You can help your child 'sound talk' words in lots of different situations:

It is time to get your c-oa-t.

Lets go to the sh-o-p.

Go and brush your t-ee-th.

I Spy

Find some objects from around your home that have two or three phonemes e.g. h-a-t, c-u-p, s-oa-p. Play I Spy. *I spy with my little eye a h-a-t.* Ask your child to hold up the correct item.

As your child becomes more confident with sound-talk you could try to read some of these words. Look at the word, say each sound aloud s-o-ck, and then put them together to read the word (blending).

Phonics at



Letters and Sounds Phase Two

A guide for parents/carers

What is phonics?

When your child starts Reception they take part in a daily phonics lesson. In this lesson children learn that spoken words are made up of different sounds (phonemes) and that these can be linked to letters (graphemes). Sounds can be made of one or more letters.

For example:

c as in cat ee as in sheep igh as in night

Children use this knowledge when they are reading and writing. When reading a word children are taught to say each sound they see and then put them together (this is called blending). For example:

c-a-t sh-ee-p n-igh-t

When spelling a word children are taught to do the opposite, say the word, split it into sounds and make the word using magnetic letters or letter cards (this is called segmenting).



We are using a phonics programme called Letter and Sounds. There are six phases in this programme and your child is about to start **Phase Two**.

During the next 6 weeks your child will learn the following sounds and letters:

s a t p i n m d g o c k
ck e u r h b f ff l ll ss

As they learn these sounds they will practise reading and spelling short words containing three of these sounds.

Saying the sounds

Your child will be taught how to say each sound correctly, this makes blending and segmenting easier. It is a good idea to speak to your child's teacher about how to help your child say each sound correctly.