

Key Vocabulary

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| Phoneme | A single unit of sound |
| Grapheme | A letter or combinations of letters that correspond to a single phoneme. |
| Digraph | A type of grapheme that represents one phoneme (sound) eg- sh |
| Trigraph | A type of grapheme where three letters represent one phoneme (sound) eg igh |
| Vowels | The letters a, e, i, o, u |
| Consonants | All other of the letters in the alphabet, except a, e, i, o, u |
| Segment | To break a word into phonemes for writing, e.g sh-ee-p |
| Blend | To put the phonemes back together to read a word |
| Common exception word | A word which can't be phonetically decoded. |
| Pseudo/alien word | Nonsense words which are used to check phonic decoding skills |
| CVC word | A word containing a consonant, vowel, consonant, e.g cat/dad. |
| Grapheme, phoneme correspondence | The links between letters, or combinations of letters (graphemes) and the speech sounds (phonemes) that they represent. |
| Prefix | A prefix is added at the beginning of a word to turn it into another word. |
| Suffix | A suffix is added at the end of a word to turn it into another word. |
| Homophone | Two different words are homophones if they sound exactly the same when pronounced, e.g their /there |

Phonics

These are the sounds we have been practising in our reading lessons. Phonics is the code that turns written language into spoken language and vice versa. It is the vital initial step in teaching children to read, but it is important that alongside this children are exposed to a variety of rich texts.

How to help

- Create flash cards of the sounds above and practise each day.
- Practise reading and spelling using phonics skills
- Help your child to write words as they hear them, using their phonics
- Encourage your child to identify different sounds within their environment.
- Encourage your child to read a variety of texts and discuss what they have read,.

Guided Reading Strategy Prompts

- Sharp Eye:** Look at the pictures.
- Mousethe Mouth:** Say the first sound.
- Sound Talk It:** Say each sound.
- Don't Forget!** Use your memory.
- Tommy Tracker:** Point to each word as you read.
- Try on the fly!** Try a word that makes sense.
- Slide the Snake:** Blend the sounds together.
- Chunky Monkey:** Look for chunks.
- Hop, Skip and Jump:** Read to the end and come back.
- Punctuation Pete:** Pause for punctuation.
- Excited Eve:** Add expression.
- Flippy Dolphin:** Flip the vowel from short to long.

The Alphabet

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm
 Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz