

Phonics Newsletter



Welcome to the first of our regular newsletters which will keep you updated with the phonics currently being taught and ideas for activities to try at home. We hope you find it useful.



Phase 3 Phonics ...

These sounds have already been covered in Reception. The words here show how the sounds are heard in words. Ch (cheese), sh(sheep), th (three), ng (ring), ai (rain), ee (tree), igh (night), oa (goat), oo (short and long sound—book and cool), ar (dark), or (fork), ur (curl), ow (now), oi (boil), ear (hear), air (hair), ure (sure), er (ladder).

Ideas to try with sounds ...

- Playdough letters
- Chalking outside
- Making letters out of natural materials
- Snap and bingo



Phase 4 Phonics ... Phase 4 of 'Letters and Sounds' (our Phonics Programme) focuses on blending letters together. Look at three and four lettered words that have these blends at the beginning of them ...

's' blend	'b' blend	'c' blend	'p' blend	't' blend	'g' blend	'd' blend	'f' blend
sl/sn	br	cl	pl	tr	gl	dr	fl
sc/sk/ sp	bl	cr	pr	tw	gr		fr
sm/st							
str/sw							
scr/sh							
spl							

Use these blends to make as many words as you can. How many can you write?

Year 1 Phonics

These are the digraphs (two letters that make one sound) that the children will be taught.

**ay, ou, ie, ea,
oy, ir, ue, wh,
ph, aw, ew, oe
and au.**

How many can you spot in your reading book?

Year Two Phonics. Suffixes — adding -ment and -ness to words. Rule—if a suffix starts with a consonant letter, it is added straight on to most root words without any change to the last letter of those words. Examples: enjoyment, sadness. Can you think of any more?

Exceptions: The word 'argument'. Root words ending in 'y' with a consonant before it but only if the root word has more than one syllable, e.g in merriment and happiness.

Useful websites and apps: www.phonicsplay.co.uk, www.letters-and-sounds.com, www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Apps: Hairy Letters, Teach your monster to read, Froggy match-it phonics, Pocket phonics, Geraldine's phonics land

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