



# Phonics



# What is phonics?

Phonics is the system we use for teaching children to read and eventually write words.

In Phonics we teach the children phonemes.  
Phonemes are the sounds of the letters rather  
than the letter names.



*a*

Letter name

*a*

Letter sound



c-a-t



The reason why we teach sounds rather than letters is because when children begin to read words like cat they read it like c-a-t using the sounds not c-a-t using the letters.

Phonics has several phases beginning with general sound distinction as it's important to be able to separate sounds working its way to diagraphs, trigraphs and tricky words.



Each week we will introduce a new set of phonemes

**Set 1:** s, a, t, p

**Set 2:** i, n, m, d

**Set 3:** g, o, c, k

**Set 4:** ck, e, u, r

**Set 5:** h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss



# phoneme

A single unit of sound

s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k.....

# digraph

Two letters to make one sound

ck, ch, th, ng.....

# Applying the phonics



## Blending (for reading)

- Blending is putting the sounds in a word together.
- So reading...
  - d o g
- We blend the sounds together to make the word dog.

## Segmenting (for spelling)

- Segmenting is when we hear a word being able to break down each sound
- So hearing...
  - pat
- We segment the sounds in the word and saying that there is a p a t in the word

# Tricky Words



However in English there are lots words that don't follow this rule. We call these words 'tricky words' and children learn these through lots of repetition.

Some of the many tricky words!

I

to

the

she

was

no

go

he

you



# Phonic book bag notes



Every week we will send home a small note in your child's book bag telling you of the phonemes we have been learning or recapping in the week. It will give you ideas of what you can do to help reinforce the learning over the weekend.



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