

Phonics information for parents

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What is phonics?

- A system of teaching and learning letters by focussing on the sound and how these are represented by letters (graphemes)
- Research has shown good phonics = good reading, writing and spelling. (Although there are other ways and children may not rely on phonics to read and spell).
- Children are taught to produce the sounds as shortly as possible, e.g no 'uh' on the end of 'd' and 'g'.
- Phonics screening Autumn 2, usually at the end of Yr1. If the expected result is not achieved they will be rescreened at the end of the year. Results will then be shared with parents.

Technical language

Phoneme – the sound of a letter or group of letters makes

Grapheme – the representation of the sound on paper

Digraph – 2 letters representing 1 phoneme e.g. sh
ar

Trigraph – 3 letter representing 1 phoneme e.g ear
air

Vowel digraph ai ee igh oa oo

Letters and Sounds: Phase 2

- 19 phonemes and graphemes
- Blend and segment
- Tricky words (words which are not phonetically decodable)

Phase 2

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

Notice c k ck

Phase 2 tricky words

to go no l into
the

Letters and Sounds: Phase 3

- Next 25 graphemes
- Middle vowel phonemes

Phase 3

j v w x y z zz qu

Sh(fish) ch (chip) th (thin) ng (ring)

ai(rain) ee(feet) igh(light) oa(soap)

oo(spoon/book) oi(coin) ow(cow)

ar(car) ur(burn) or(corn) er (ladder)

air(fair) ure(pure) ear(dear)

Phase 3 tricky words

he we she me be you her
they was are all

Phase 4

no new phonemes – application in longer words/consonant clusters eg:
gr sl cr

Blending of letters- eg: spr, thr, str

Phase 4 tricky words

said have like so do

some come little one
were

out what when there



Phase 5

Alternative graphemes to represent previously learnt sounds.

eg ai(rain) ay(day) a-e (make)

Learning to make the best guess at what graphemes are used to make the sound that is heard in the word.

Phase 5 tricky words

could oh asked their

Mr. Mrs. people

looked called

Reading at home

- Children will take 2 reading books and 1 non fiction book to share each week
- This book should be read, re-read and talked about.
- This could include asking questions, echo reading, adult role modelling reading with expression.

Have a go...how would you teach..

shell

cat

boat

to

hear

night

At Newfield Park..

Your child will have daily phonics lessons for 20 minutes in a phonic group

Children will have weekly guided reading sessions.

Children will have daily English lessons which will involve reading and writing and applying their developing phonic knowledge.

DEAR

The test

MANY THANKS TO YOU ALL!

➤ Any questions?

