


# Phonics

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A group of children in school uniforms are running outdoors through trees. The children are of various ethnicities and are smiling and looking down as they run. The background shows lush green trees and a blue tarp on the left. The image is partially covered by a blue and green diagonal graphic at the bottom.

Children of Today, Champions for Tomorrow



# Aims of the session



- ✓ What is phonics?
- ✓ How phonics is taught at Brentfield Primary School?
- ✓ What is the Phonics Screening Test?
- ✓ How you can help at home?

# What is Phonics?

- Phonics is the process of teaching children to read.
- In phonics, children are taught how to write and say the 44 **phonemes** (sounds) in the English language. Once they know these sounds they should be able to read most words.

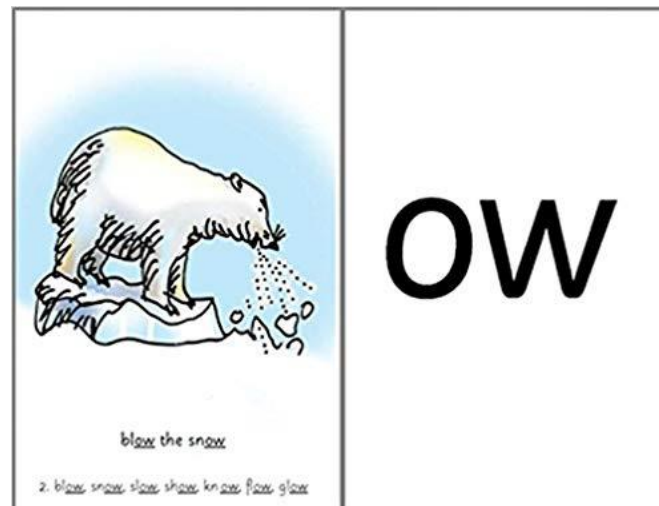
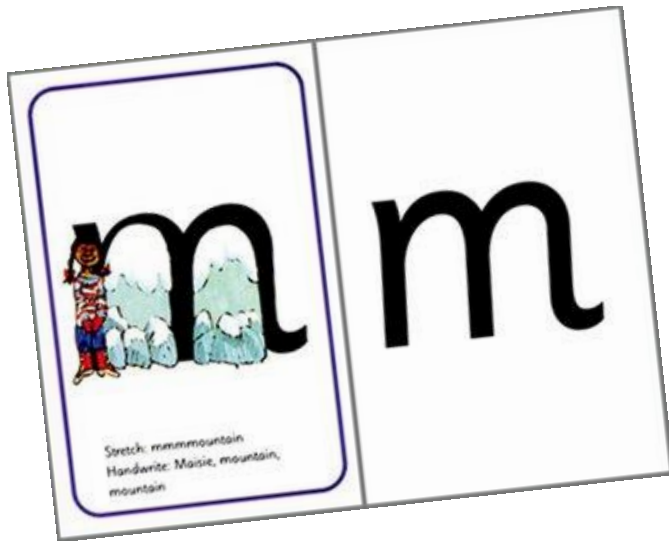


# Phoneme

This is **one** sound that can be written using one or more letters

Example m, ow or igh.

- In RWI, children learn how to say the 44 sounds in the English language.

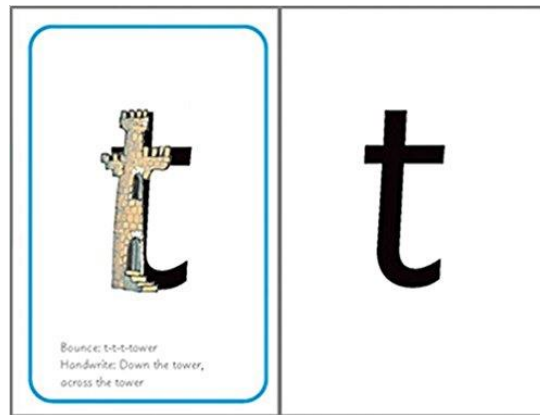
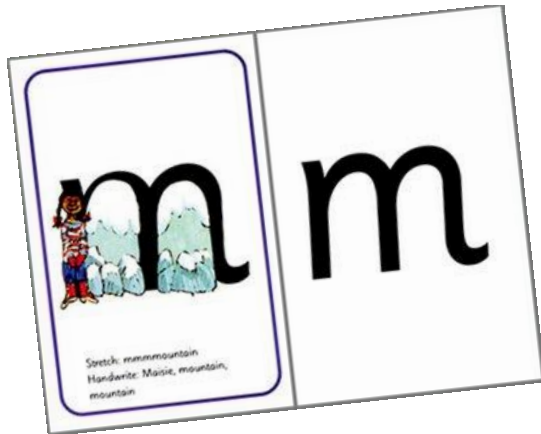


# Grapheme

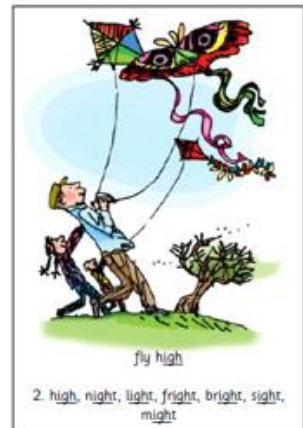
This refers to the written letters.

In Read Write Inc, children will learn what the letters look like.

Some sounds are made up of 1 letter while other sounds are made up of 2 or more



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# Grapheme

To make things difficult, there is more than one way to write the same sound.

**Example:**

**f    ff    ph    All make the same sound.**

## Complex Speed Sounds

### Consonant sounds

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz	ti		nk
ph	le	mb	kn	wr	se		s	ci		
					c		se			
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b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
bb	k	dd	gg		g	pp		tt	wh			tch
	ck				ge							
	ch				dge							

### Vowel sounds

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea				<u>a-e</u>	y	<u>i-e</u>	<u>o-e</u>
					ai	ea	ie	oa
						e	i	o
							y	

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy	ire	ear	ure
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# How is phonics taught?

- At Brentfield Primary School we use **Read Write Inc Phonics** to teach the children phonics.

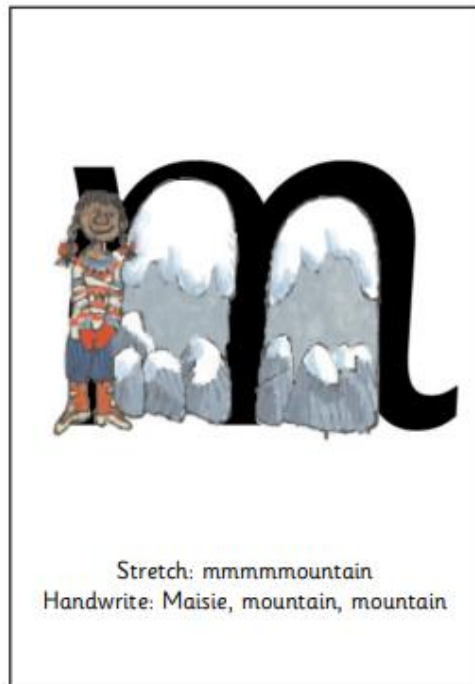


When they learn, children are taught the sounds in Sets (Set 1, 2 and 3)

## Set 1

Children start by learning the set 1 sounds in Early Years.

In this set, they learn the simple sounds and how to write these letters using a rhyme.



Speed Sounds Set 1

m	a	s	d	t
i	n	p	g	o
c	k	u	b	f
e	l	h	sh	r
j	v	y	w	th
z	ch	qu	x	ng

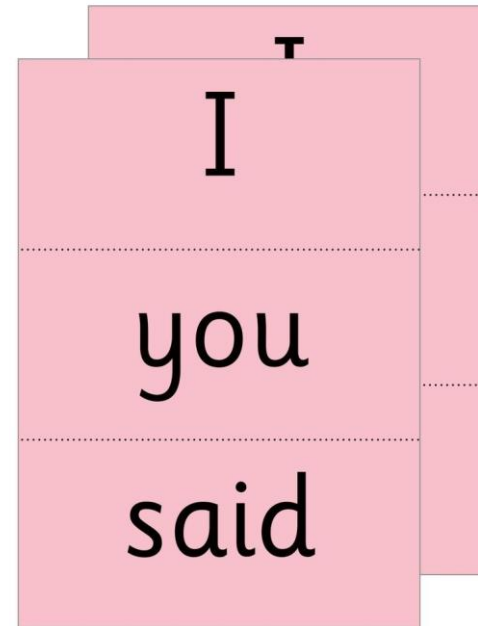
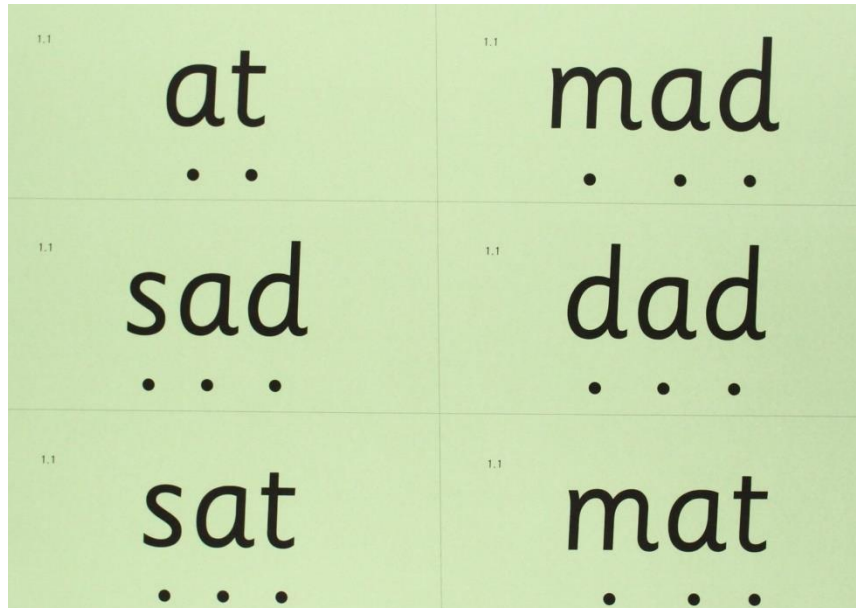


# Set 1

Once children have learnt the first few sounds, they start to put the sounds together to read green words.

We call this blending.

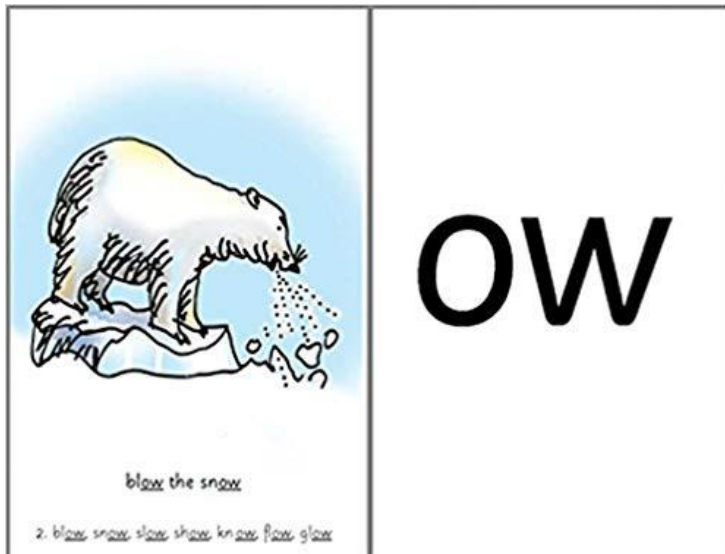
Some words cannot be read using phonics. These are red words. Children must learn to read these by sight.



# Set 2

At the end of Reception, children move to Set 2. In this set, children are taught how to say the long vowel sounds.

To help them learn these, children are taught a rhyme.



## Speed Sounds Set 2

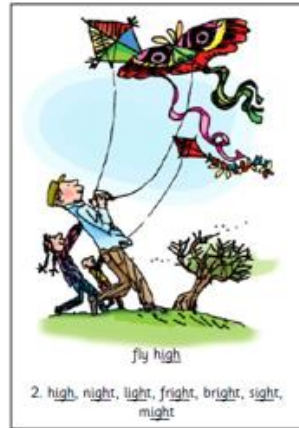
<b>ay</b>  may I play?	<b>ee</b>  what can you see?	<b>igh</b>  fly high	<b>ow</b>  blow the snow	<b>oo</b>  poo at the zoo
<b>oo</b>  look at a book	<b>ar</b>  start the car	<b>or</b>  shut the door	<b>air</b>  that's not fair	<b>ir</b>  whirl and twirl
			<b>ou</b>  shout it out	<b>oy</b>  toy for a boy

# Set 3

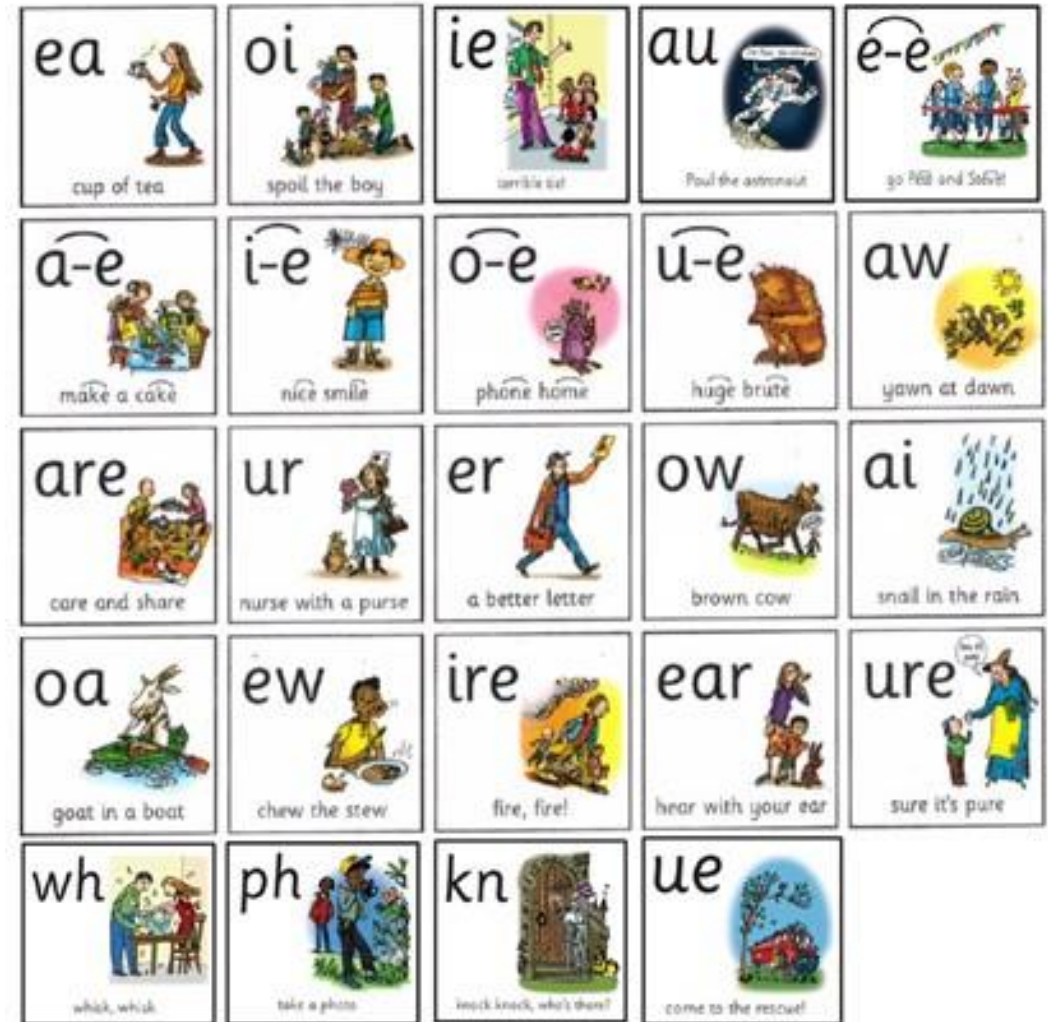
In set 3, children are taught the alternative way to write the same sounds.

To help them tell the difference between set 2 and set 3, children are taught a rhyme.

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## Set 3 Sounds



# Set 2 and 3

At this point, children will begin to bring home RWI phonics books.

It is important that you spend time at home reading these books with your children.





# Helping at home

Use the RWI website to help you practice the sounds and help your children with their phonics.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents-copy-2/>



# The Phonics Screening Check

This is a test that is done at the end of **year 1** to see if children have learnt the sounds and can read.

The teacher will sit with 1 child and do the test (2 – 5 minutes long).

The test has 40 words:  
20 real words and 20 alien words

For children to pass, they must correctly read **32** or more words.

If they fail, they will have to do the test again at the end of Year 2.

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Screening check: Answer sheet

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Screening check responses: Please tick the appropriate box for each word. comment box is optional.

Section 1				Section 2			
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment	Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment
fot				quigh			
keb				herks			
gan				jorb			
ulp				zale			
poth				bluns			
shan				skarid			
veen				splot			
quorg				strabe			
drap				toy			
fiarm				spike			
lect				fuel			
voisk				name			
thin				props			
peck				spoilt			
tom				scram			
cheek				strike			
trap				panic			
snarl				second			
milk				tantrum			
moist				reaching			

Total correct: \_\_\_\_\_





# What is the Phonics Screening Test?



# How to help at home

## Set 1

- **Magnetic Letters** – put the letters together to make and read simple words like c-a-t or f-r-o-g



# How to help at home

## Set 1



Visit your local library and find out what early reader books they have available. Spend some time in the library choosing and reading the books.

2



3



Practice writing letters (graphemes) and digraphs in different media. You could try sand, salt, sugar, glacé icing, cornflour gloop or shaving foam. Try this [Rainbow Tray Busy Bag Resource Pack](#) for a colourful sensory writing tray.

# How can you help at home?

## Set 2 and 3

Read the phonics books sent home together.

Practise reading the green words.

Make sure your child can read the red words by sight.

Ask them questions about the book.

Read the book at least 3 times.



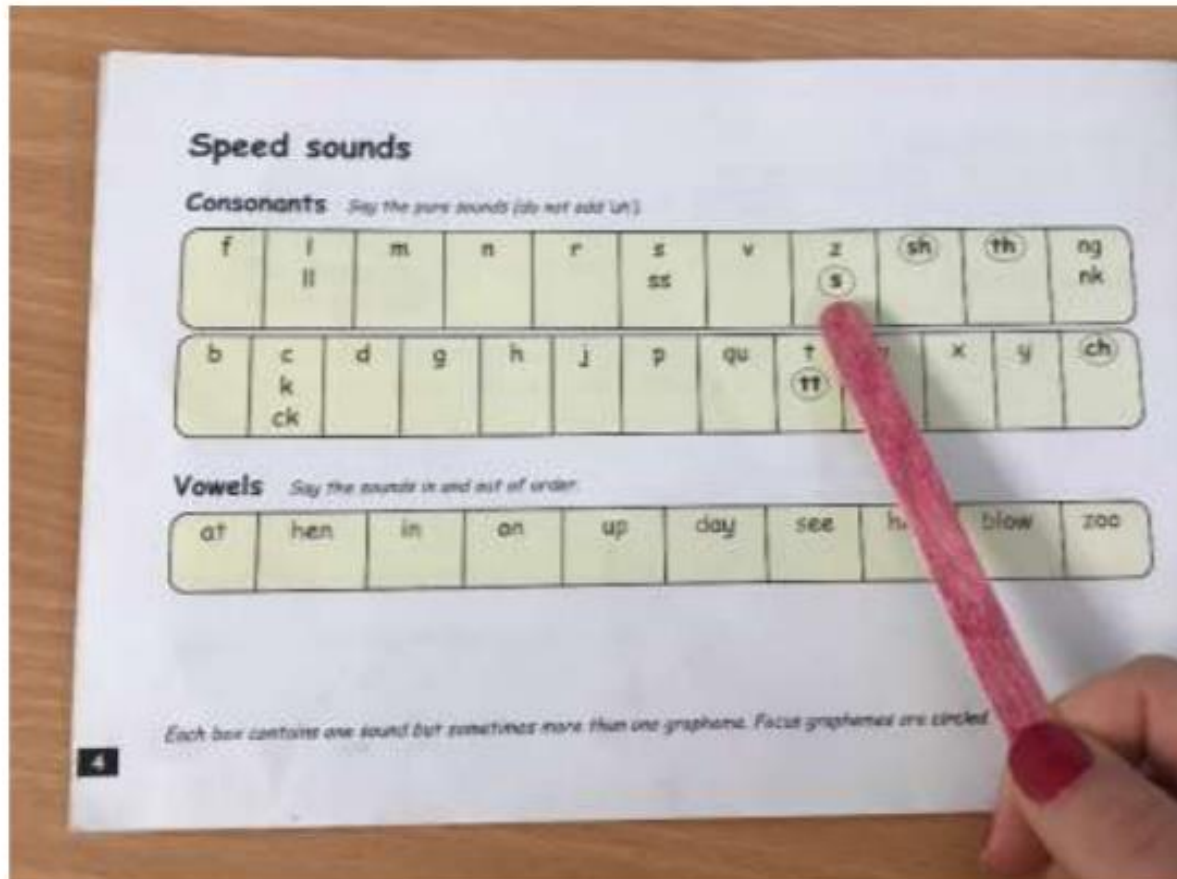


## How to use the Read Write Inc. Books.

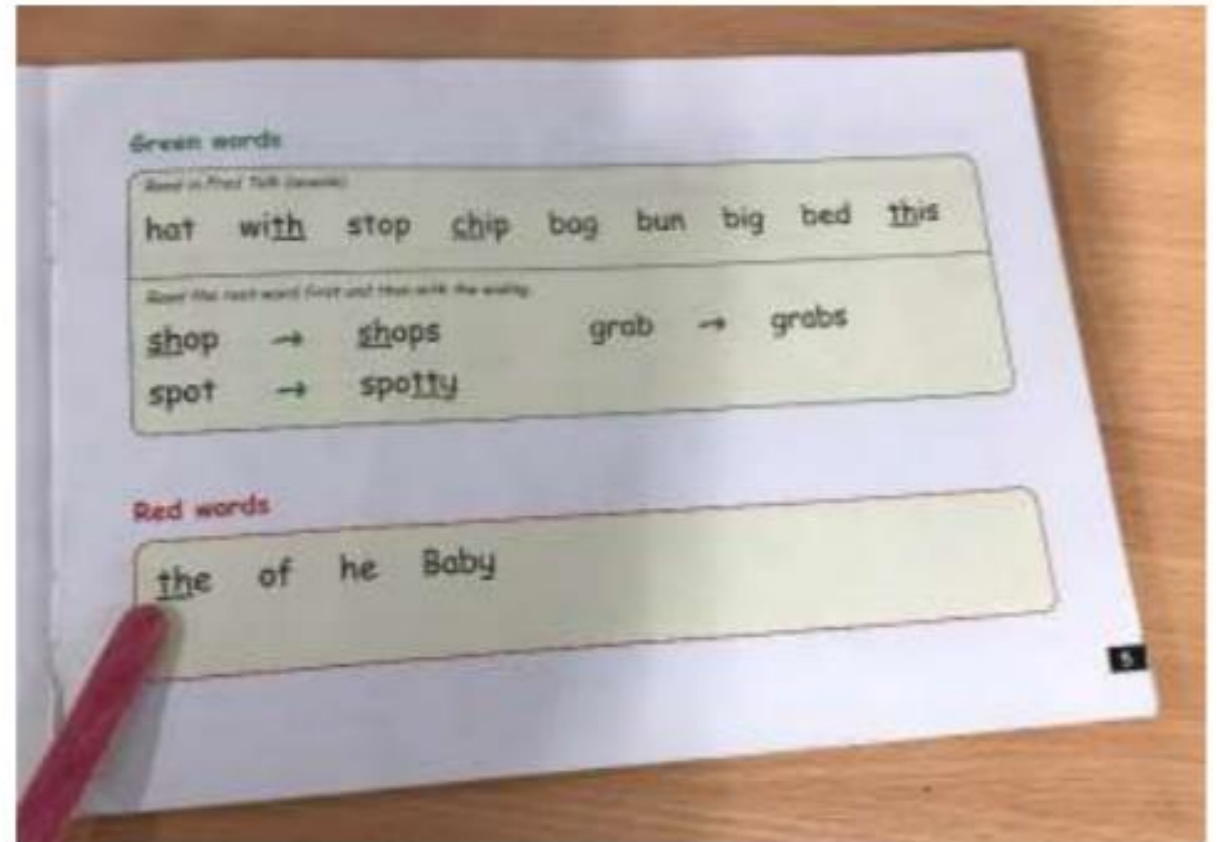
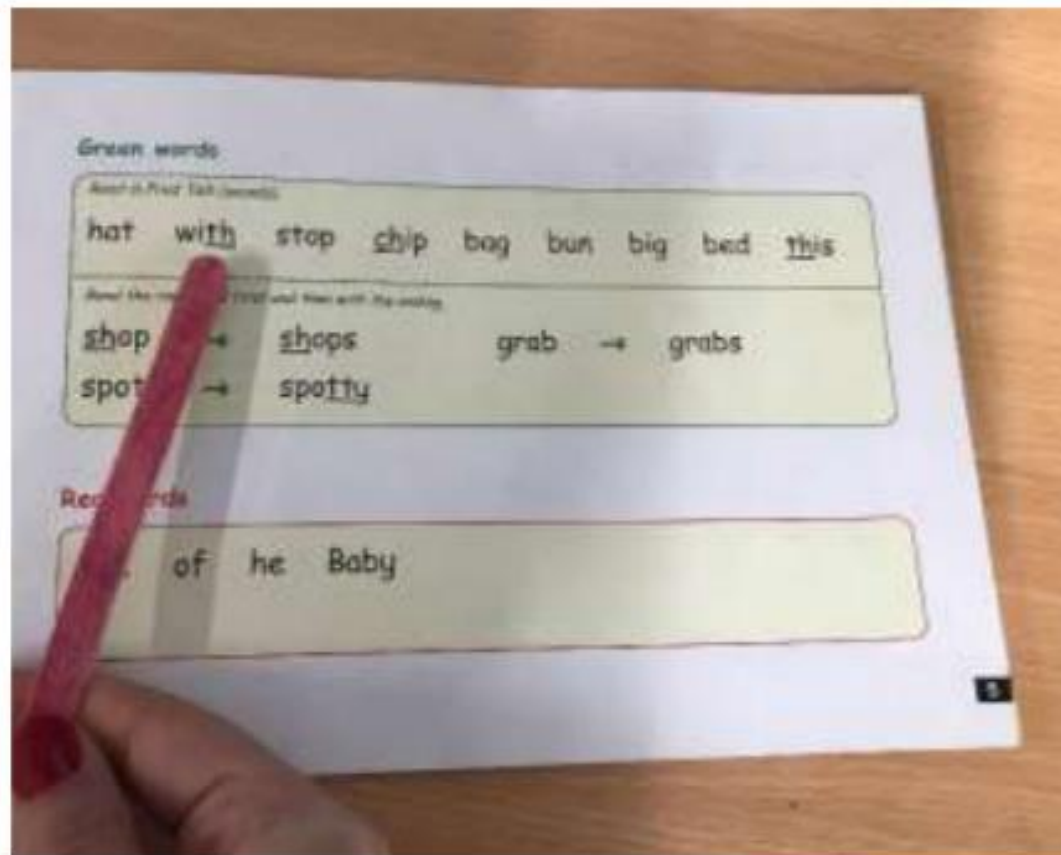
For each book, eight reading activities should be completed.

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1. Practise reading the speed sounds with your child.



## 2. Read the green and red words for the story





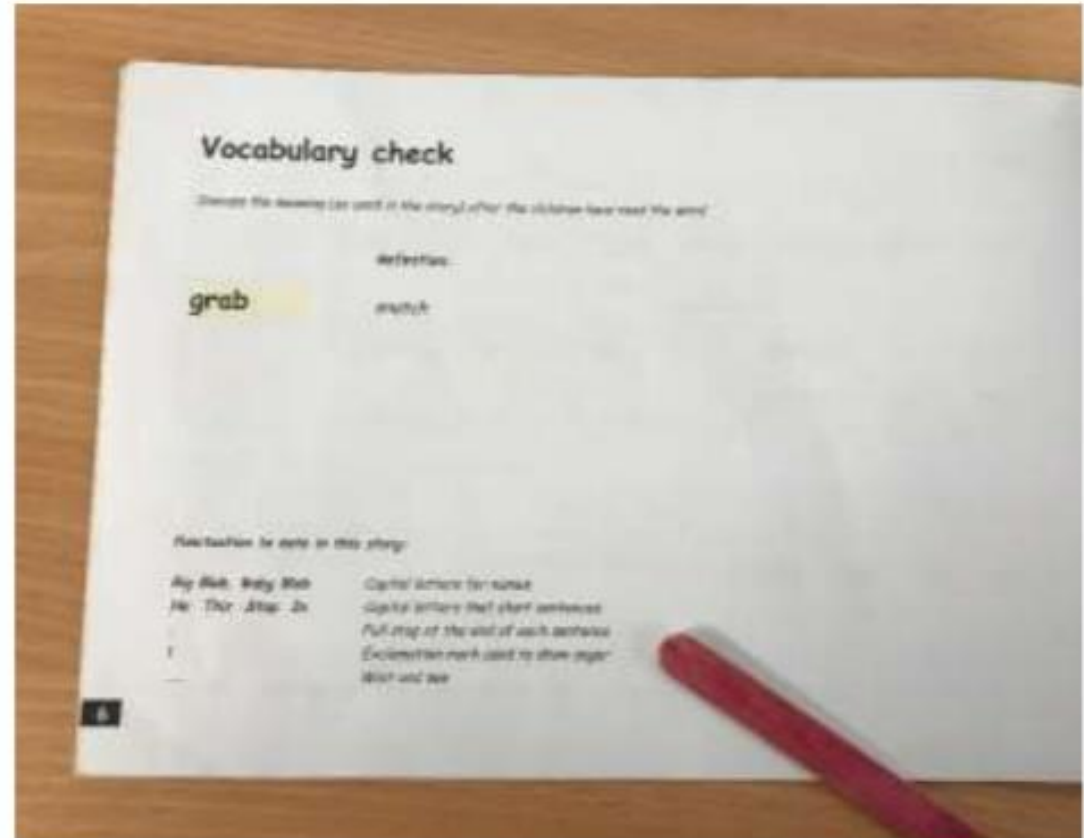
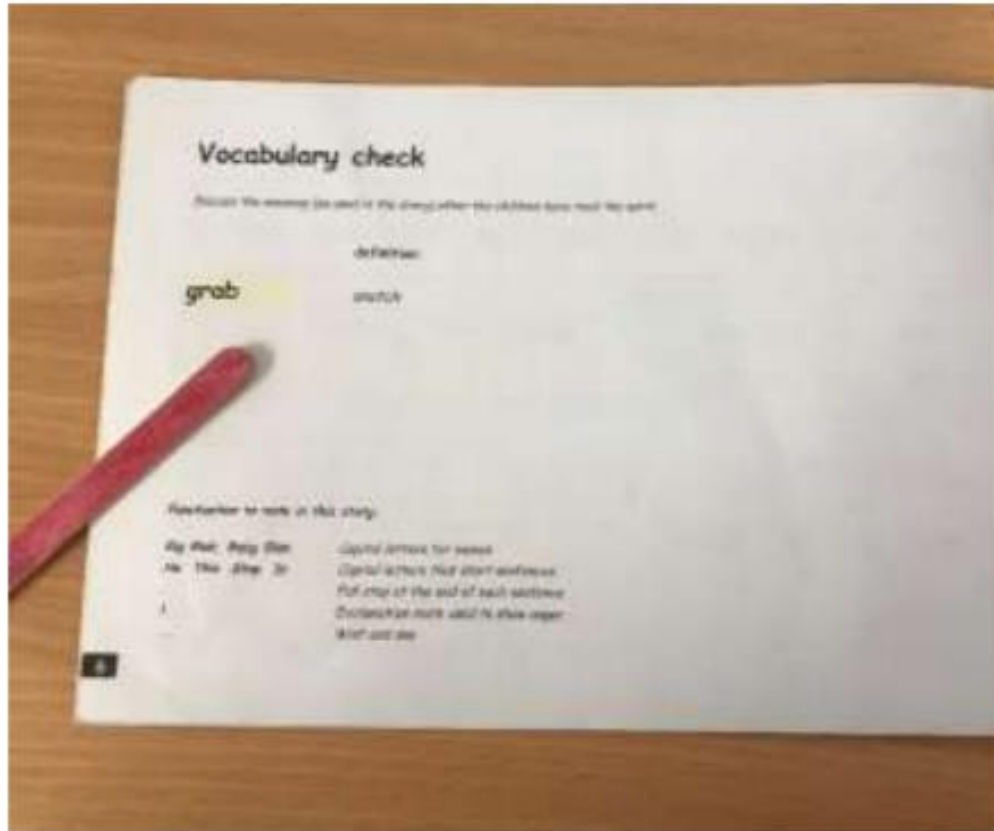
3. Read the introduction while your child listens so they know what will be happening in the story.



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4. Discuss the vocabulary that will be in the book, make sure they know what those words mean.



## 5. Read the story



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6. Re-read the story and discuss the 'questions to talk about'
7. Re-read the story with fluency and expression.



8. Practise reading the speed words (at the back of the book).

**Speed words** *Children practise reading the words across the rows, down the columns and in and out of order clearly and quickly.*

shops	of	with	he	spot
bun	hat	the	of	big
chip	stop	spotty	bog	bed
shop	grab	the	grabs	spot

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The book should be read at least 3 times with the children.

The first time they read it, they should focus only on using their phonics to help them read the words.

The second time the children read the book they should try to focus on what is happening in the story and answer questions.

The third time they read the book, the children should read with more fluency pausing where there is punctuation. They should also practise using their voice when a character is speaking.

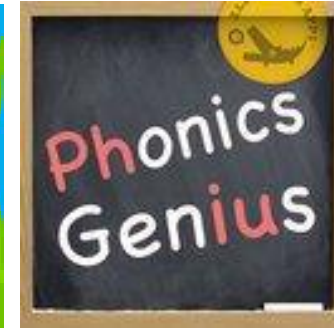
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Ditty stage - reading a few words together
Green Stage
Purple Stage
Pink Stage
Orange Stage
Yellow Stage
Blue Stage
Grey Stage







## Phonics Apps

- Oz Phonics
- Alphabet Sound Word Study
- The Joy of Reading

- Read with phonics
- Phonics Genius

# Useful websites:



## Letters and Sounds



## ReadwithPhonics.com

Learn each phonics sound by playing 7 fun free phonics games. Each phonics game gets progressively harder and teaches you a range of skills, from segmenting and blending, word comprehension, grapheme recognition, pseudo words and more.

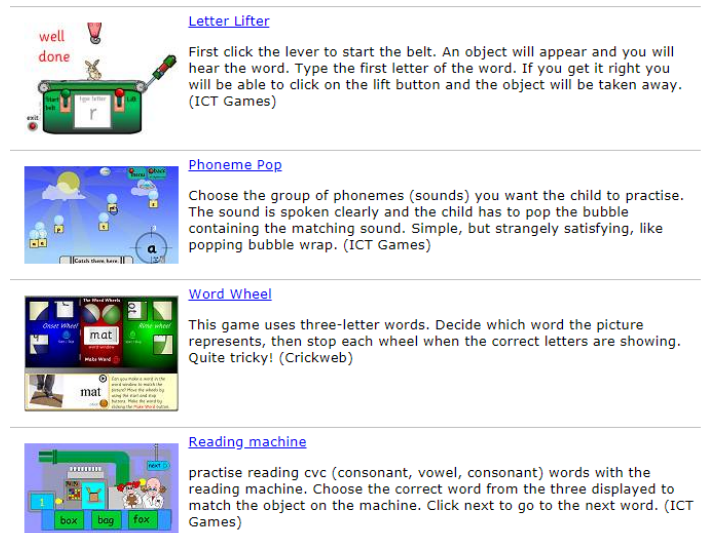
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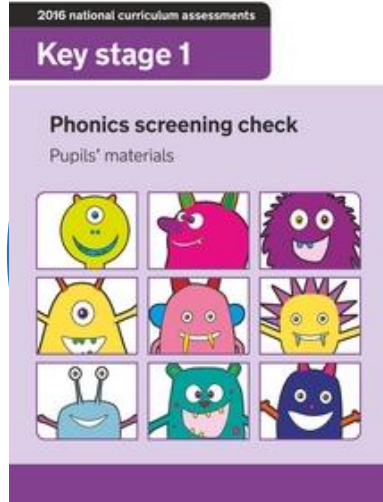
## Phonics Bloom

Phonics Bloom create interactive online phonics games to help teach children the relationship between letters and sounds and develop the skills needed to read and write.

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- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase2Menu.htm>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>
- [http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html)



Practice the phonics screening test at home using resources given by the Year 1 teachers!

# Questions?

