Teaching and Learning Phonics at Blackboys CE Primary School





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Aims

- ▶ To share how phonics is taught to our youngest pupils.
- To develop parents' confidence in helping their children with phonics and early reading.
- ▶ To teach the basics of phonics and some useful phonics terms.
- ▶ To outline the different stages in phonic development.
- ▶ To share strategies for how to practise phonics and reading at home.



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What is phonics and how can I help my child at home?



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Phonics is all about using ...

skills for reading and spelling



knowledge of the alphabet

Learning phonics will help your child to become a good reader and writer.



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Daily Phonics

- Every day the children have 20 minute sessions of phonics.
- Fast paced approach teaching something new each session.
- Lessons encompass a range of games, songs and rhymes.
- •We use the Letters and Sounds planning document to support the teaching of phonics.



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CVC

- ▶ It stands for consonant, vowel, consonant.
- ► These are the first words that your child will read, eg. cat, mat, sat, hot, tin, pet...



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Segmenting

Children need to be able to hear a whole word and Say every sound that they hear.

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bed = /b/ /e/ /d/
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Blending

Children need to be able to **hear** the separate sounds in a word and then blend them together **to say** the whole word.

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/b/ /e/ /d/ = bed

/t/ /i/ /n/ = tin

/m/ /u/ /g/ = mug
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Phoneme

Phonemes are sounds that can be heard in words e.g. c-a-t





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Grapheme

This is how a phoneme is written down.

At this stage we always use lower case letters. Capitals are introduced later.





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Digraph

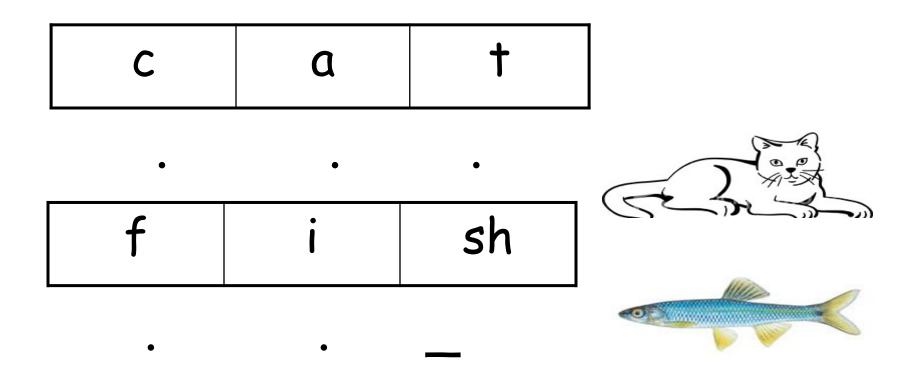
This means that the phoneme comprises of two letters e.g. ll, ff, ck, ss





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Phoneme frame and sound button





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Tricky Words

There are many words that **cannot** be blended or segmented because they are irregular.

the was said you some



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Trigraphs

This means that the phoneme comprises of three letters e.g. igh, ear, ure





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Phase 1: Getting ready for phonics

- 1. Tuning into sounds.
- 2. Listening and remembering sounds.
- 3. Talking about sounds:

Music and movement

Rhythm and rhyme

Sound effects

Speaking and listening skills



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Phase 2:

Learning phonemes to read and write simple words

► Children will learn their first 19 phonemes:

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Set 1: s a t p Set 2: i n m d

Set 3: g o c k Set 4: ck (as in duck) e u r

Set 5: h b l f ff (as in puff) ll (as in hill) ss (as in hiss)
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They will use these phonemes to read and spell simple "consonant-vowel-consonant" (CVC) words:

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sat, tap, dig, duck, rug, puff, hill, hiss
All these words contain 3 phonemes.
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Phase 3: Learning the long vowel phonen es

- Children will enter phase 3 once they know the first 19 phonemes and can blend and segment to read and spell CVC words.
- They will learn another 26 phonemes:
- ▶ j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu
- ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er
- They will use these phonemes (and the ones from Phase 2) to read and spell words:

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chip, shop, thin, ring, pain, feet, night, boat, boot, look, farm, fork, burn, town, coin, dear, fair, sure
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Phase 4: Introducing consonant clusters: reading and spelling words with four or more phonemes

- Children move into phase 4 when they know all the phonemes from phases 2 and 3 and can use them to read and spell simple words (blending to read and segmenting to spell).
- Phase 4 doesn't introduce any new phonemes.
- It focuses on reading and spelling longer words with the phonemes they already know.
- These words have consonant clusters at the beginning: spot, trip, clap, green, clown

...or at the end: tent, mend, damp, burnt

...or at the beginning and end! trust, spend, twist



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Phase 5

- ► Teach new graphemes for reading ay, ou, ie, ea, oy, ir, ue, aw, wh, ph, ew, oe, au, a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e
- Learn alternative pronunciations of graphemes (the same grapheme can represent more than one phoneme):

Fin/find, hot/cold, cat/cent, got/giant, but/put, cow/blow, tie/field, eat/bread, farmer/her, hat/what, yes/by/very, chin/school/chef, out/shoulder/could/you.



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Learning all the variations!

Learning that the same phoneme can be represented in more than one way:

burn

first

term

heard

work



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Learning all the variations!

Learning that the same grapheme can represent more than one phoneme:

meat bread

he bed

bear hear

cow low



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Teaching the split digraph

tie

time

toe

tone

cue



pie





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Is there anything I can do at home

y e s



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How can I help at home?

Oral blending: the robot game

Children need to practise hearing a series of spoken sounds and merging them together to make a word.

For example, you say 'b-u-s', and your child says 'bus'.

Simon Says

Instead of saying the words, sound it out, eg Simon Says.. Put your hands on your h-ea-d.



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How can I help at home?

▶ When spelling, encourage your child to think about what "looks right".

► Have fun trying out different options...wipe clean whiteboards are good for trying out spellings.

tray trai

rain rayn

boil boyl

boy boi

throat throwt

snow snoa



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Mr Thorne Does Phonics!

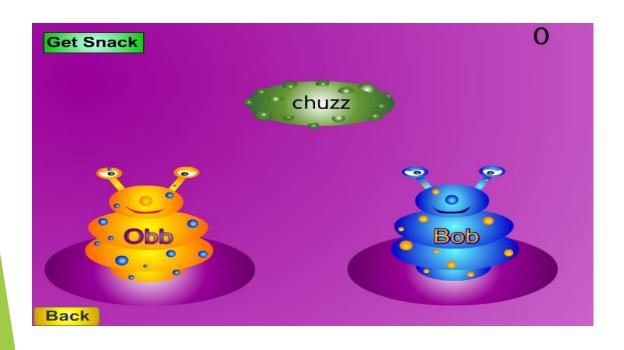
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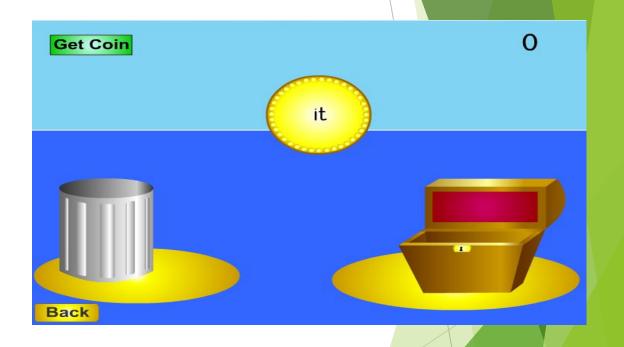




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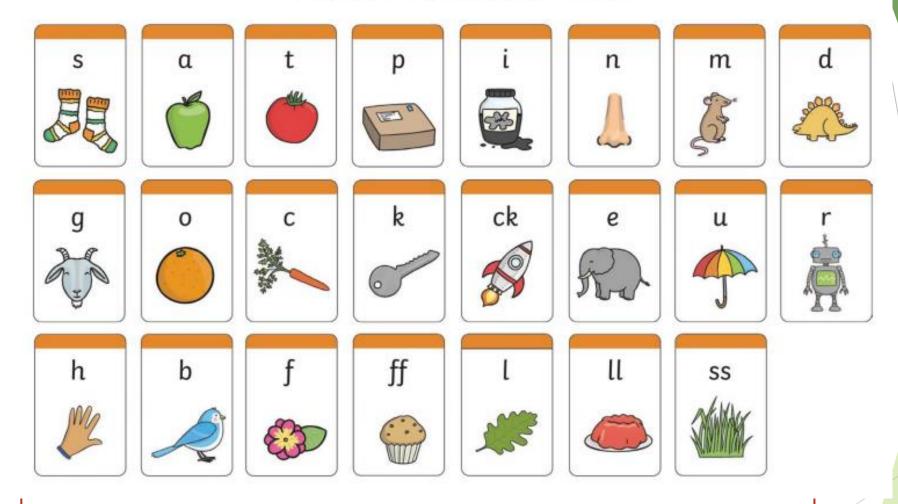






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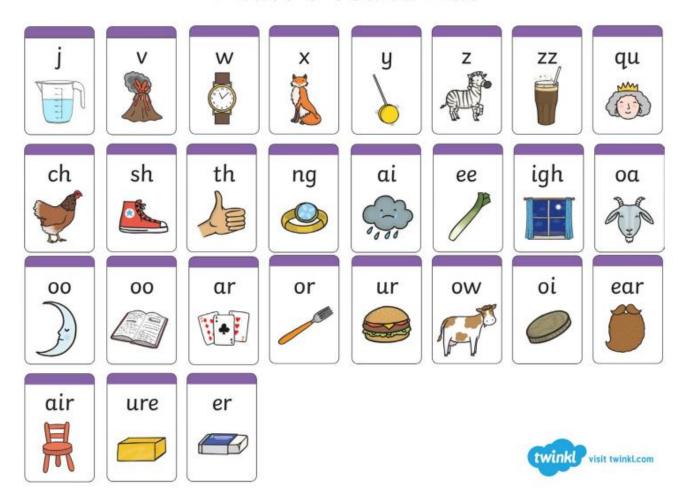
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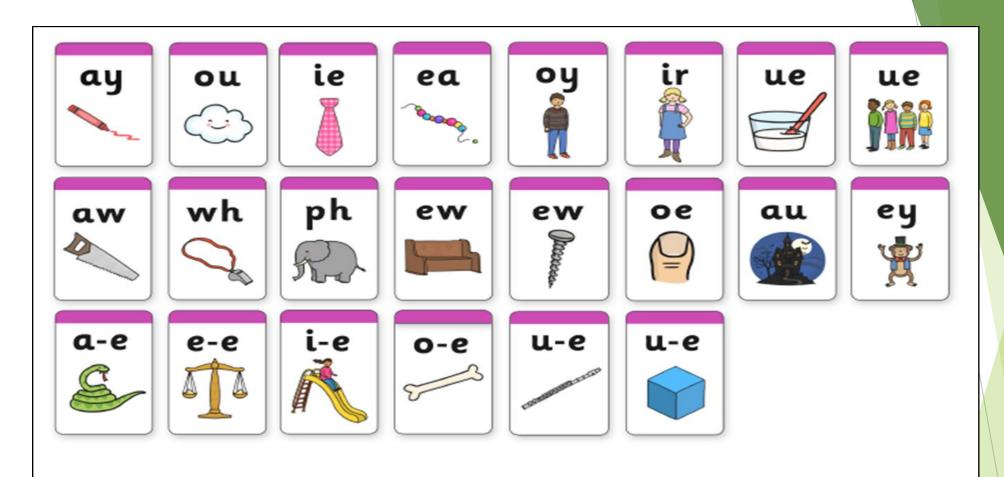
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Phase 3 Sound Mat





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My Phase 5 sound mat





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Reading with your child

- Reading is not all about decoding and fluency, try to talk about the text with your child and ask them questions about what they have read. This encourages comprehension.
- ► Encourage your child to use the pictures to help them. That is what they are there for in early reading books.
- Try echo reading, where you read a sentence and your child "echoes" it back to you.
- ► Take it in turns to read, one sentence each or a page each.
- You do not need to read a whole book at a time. It is quality not quantity that is important.



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Don't forget...

Learning to read should be fun for both children and parents.



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