# Teaching and Learning Phonics at Blackboys CE Primary School











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#### Aims

- ► To share what phonics is and why it is important.
- ► To explain how Monster Phonics works.
- To look at ways to support children at home.



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# What is phonics?

Using phonics (sounds) to read and spell words.

Initial sounds like s, a, t, p, i, n can be blended to read words.



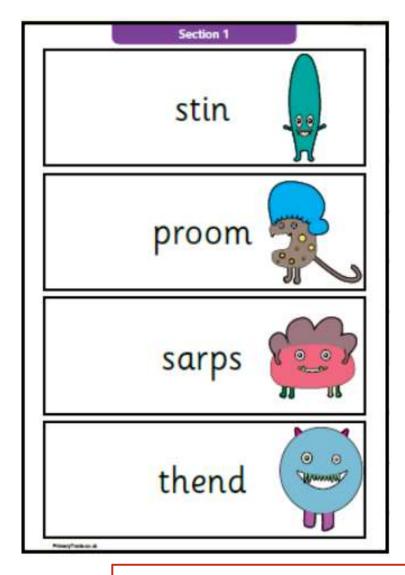
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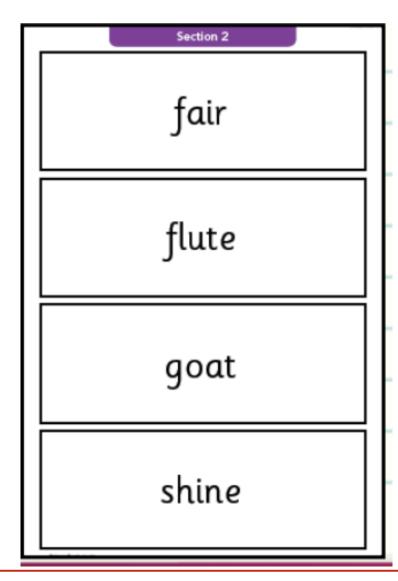
### Phonics Screening Test

- Assess phonics knowledge and reading
- ► One week in June 10 minutes
- ▶ 1:1 test of 40 words
- ≥ 20 real words and 20 pseudo (alien) words
- Results in July
- Opportunity to retake in Year 2



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# Phonics Terminology



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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...
- CVCC CCVC CCVCC
- sand trim click



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# Grapheme

A letter or group of letters which represent one single sound (phoneme), eg. a, l, sh, air, ck

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





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### Phoneme

A sound that can be made by one or more letters, eg s, k, z, oo, ph, igh.





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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. This is essential for reading.

$$/b//e//d/ = bed$$

$$/t//i//n/ = tin$$





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### Segmenting

Children need to be able to hear a whole word and say every sound that they hear. This is essential for early spelling.

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bed = /b/ /e/ /d/
tin= /t/ /i/ /n/
mug= /m/ /u/ /g/
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# Digraph

This means that the phoneme comprises of two letters,

e.g. II, ff, ck, ss, ea, ai





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# The split digraph

Some vowel digraphs are separated by a consonant. We call these split digraphs.

tie



toe



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# Trigraphs

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





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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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- Monster Phonics uses a multi-sensory approach to learning phonics. Throughout a term your child will experience most of the following approaches in their Phonics lessons:
- Videos
- Action songs
- Physical games
- Story telling
- Digital games
- Magnetic letters
- Card games
- Drawing
- Writing



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# Colour coding Monster Phonics:

- Links colour to a sound
- Links a monster to a colour
- Makes it easier to learn
- More memorable and fun



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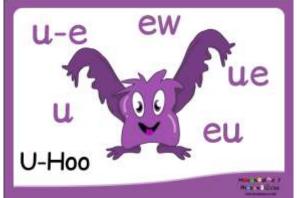


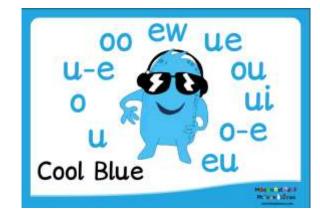




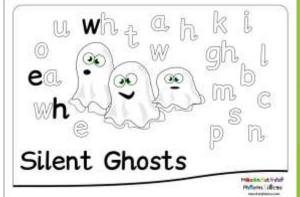








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#### Free Resources

- ► The Monster Phonics website has an array of free resources which can be accessed at the bottom of the home page.
- ► Flashcards <a href="https://monsterphonics.com/free-resources/">https://monsterphonics.com/free-resources/</a>
- Powerpoints
- Videos
- Ebooks



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- Chalk on the ground.
- ► Make a hop scotch with tricky words.





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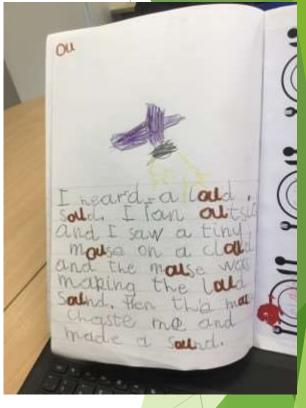
Physical games like Flashcar Scavenger Hunt.





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- Use colour
- Paints, pastels, gel pens, smelly pens!





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Playdough and plasticine



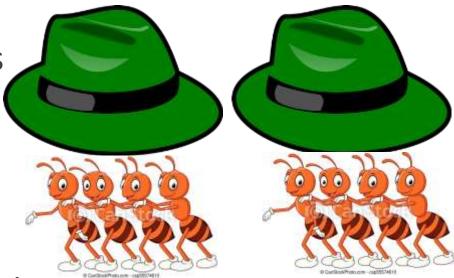




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Laugh... Mnemonics

Little ants under green hats



► Add pictures to help remember



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# Phonics multisensory

#### activities

Magnetic letters





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- Apps...use colour to write words to practise spellings.
- Use the app to learn the High Frequency Words.





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#### Read at home

Daily reading and practice is integral to your child's progress and attainment. We recommend reading for around 10 minutes everyday.





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## Listening to stories

- Extends vocabulary
- Builds knowledge
- Develop storytelling skills
- ► To be a writer, first be a reader!



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### Don't forget...

# Learning to read should be fun for both children and parents!



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