

**The Park
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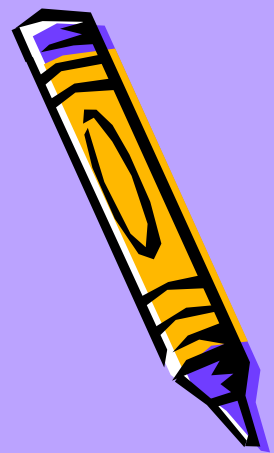
How to help



Thursday 13th October 2016

What is phonics?

- Words are made up from small units of sound called phonemes.
- Phonics teaches children to be able to listen carefully and identify the phonemes that make up each word.
- This helps children to learn to read and spell words.



Key terms



Phoneme - a single unit of sound

Grapheme - the written representation of a phoneme

Digraph - two letters that represent a single phoneme

Trigraph - three letters that represent a single phoneme

Split digraph - two letters (a vowel and an 'e') that represent a single phoneme but have been split

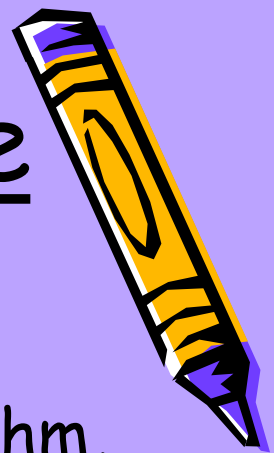
Blending - saying the sounds and merging them together

Segmenting - say a word and then break it up into individual sounds

Tricky words - words that cannot be read/spelt phonetically



Letters and Sounds scheme



The scheme is taught in 6 phases:

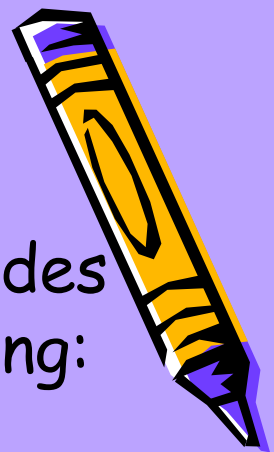
- **Phase 1 (nursery)** - environmental sounds, rhythm, rhyme, voice sounds
- **Phase 2 (reception)** - learning 19 letters of the alphabet, single letter phonemes
- **Phase 3 (reception)** - remaining 7 letters, some simple digraphs
- **Phase 4 (reception)** - no new phonemes, longer words
- **Phase 5 (year 1)** - alternative graphemes for known phonemes
- **Phase 6 (year 2)** - spelling rules, including prefixes, suffixes and contractions



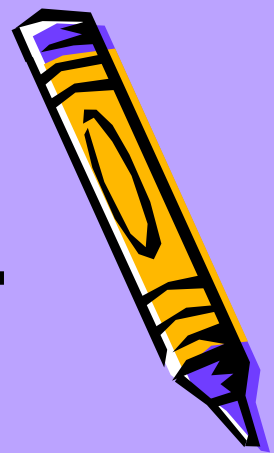
A typical phonic lesson

The lessons everyday follow a set structure. Includes repetition, segmenting, blending, reading and writing:

- Show pictures that include the phoneme.
- Introduce the new phoneme and repeat.
- Practice segmenting and blending words.
- Read and write words with new sound.

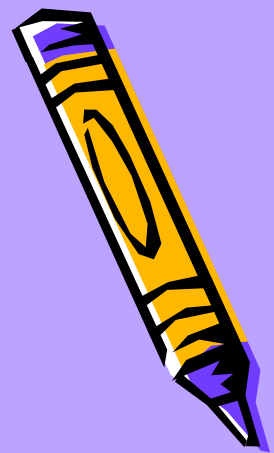


Phonics screening



- Children will be tested in a 1:1 situation
- They will be tested by a familiar teacher
- The test contains 40 words - 20 real and 20 nonsense words
- Nonsense words are indicated by a picture of an alien/ imaginary creature
- The pass mark last year was 32
- We will do several practise runs to support the children to feel comfortable and confident





How many sounds do you know?
Can you think of words that
use them?

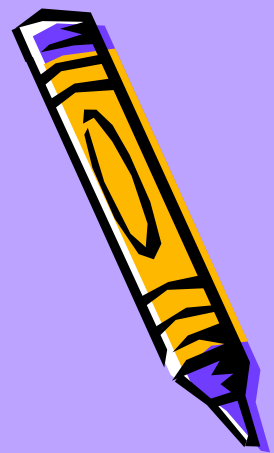


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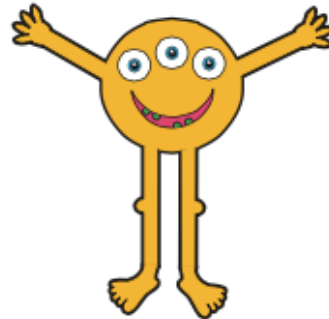
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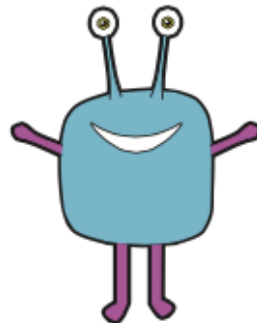
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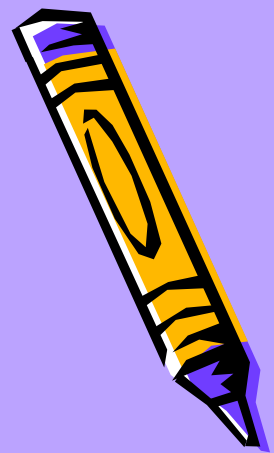
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www.letters-and-sounds.com

www.ictgames.com/literacy.html

Videos (how to say each sound)

www.mrthorne.com

