

A little helpful reminder for Phonics by S Luddington, Literacy Lead

Phonics is one way in which we all learn to read and write. It is a crucial tool for your child. We also learn through recognising common words, enjoying stories and the spoken word. At Eagle Phonics is taught on a daily basis in a highly tailored curriculum. The core of this curriculum is based on the Phonic bug scheme. The Phonics Bug Books are 100% decodable and accessible to you at home and ensure that the children get to practise newly learnt skills in a fun way.

Phonics is:

- Hearing a sound (phoneme)
- Reading a letter as a sound (grapheme)
- Blending the sounds to read a word
- Segmenting the sounds to write a word

The 6 Phonics Phases:

Phase 1: Nursery

Listening for rhyme, alliteration, enjoying books, rhymes and songs.

Phase 2: Reception

Learning the 1st sounds: s a t p i n m d g o c k c k e u r h b f ff l ll ss

Right from the start pupils learn to use these to read and write new words

Phase 3: Reception

Other sounds and introducing digraphs/ and trigraphs;

j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng ai ee igh oa o oar or ur ow oi

We now have all of the most common 45 sounds

Phase 4: Reception

Consonant blending:

Eg m-i-l-k b-r-oo-m th-a-n-k

Phase 5: Year 1

Alternative ways of making the above sounds:

Wh ph (ay a-e igh ey ei a) (ea e-e ie ey y e) (ie i-e y i) (ow o-e o oe) (ew ue u-e u) (u oul) (aw aul our) (ire r ear) (ou oy) (eer ere are ear) (k ch) (ce c sc st se) (g g edge) le mb kn gn wr tch sh ea (w)a o

Once your child has mastered these sounds they should be becoming more fluent with reading and spelling. The Phonics Bug books end here and more care should be taken over choice of quality books.

Phase 6: Year 1 / 2

Prefixes and suffixes eg (un- dis-) (-ing -able)

Singular and plural

Simple spelling rules such as double consonants eg run-running

Glossary:

Phoneme: a unit of sound that makes up a word when heard

Grapheme: the written representation of sound (letter)

Tricky word: a word that cannot be broken down eg the

Blending: reading sounds together to make a word

Segmenting: building sounds together to write a word

Digraph: A sound made up of two letters eg 'er' where the sounds cannot be heard on their own

Trigraph: as above but with 3 letters eg 'igh'

New Curriculum Spelling Lists Years 1 and 2

the	come	go	mind	clothes	past	sugar
a	some	so	floor	cold	father	could
do	one	by	because	gold	class	would
to	once	my	kind	hold	water	sure
today	ask	here	behind	told	again	eye
of	friend	there	whole	every	grass	should
said	school	where	any	great	pass	who
says	put	love	child	break	plant	Mr
your	are	push	wild	steak	path	Mrs
they	were	pull	most	busy	bath	parents
be	was	full	both	people	hour	Christmas
he	is	house	children	pretty	move	everybody
me	his	our	climb	beautiful	prove	even
she	has	door	only	after	half	
we	I	poor	old	fast	money	
no	you	find	many	last	improve	

