



Early reading and phonics



Introduction to our phonics scheme

Reading books

How you can support at home

Our phonics scheme.

- DFE validated
- Provides rigorous teaching of systematic synthetic phonics
- Child-centred, multi-sensory and creative approach to phonics that delivers results.
- Fun, exciting and interactive



What is phonics?

- Phonics are the tools by which children learn to read and write. To learn to read and write children need to learn five basic skills. They need to:

- 1. learn their letter sounds
- 2. learn to write the letter shapes
- 3. learn to blend sounds together for reading
- 4. learn to identify the sounds in words for writing
- 5. learn to read and spell tricky words.



Phonemes

Phonemes are the smallest units of sound within a language.

Graphemes

A grapheme is a letter or letters that spell a sound in a word.

Digraph

A digraph is two letters that combine together to correspond to one sound (phoneme) ch ck sh th

Trigraph

A trigraph is three letters that combine together to correspond to one sound (phoneme) igh dge eer

Phases

Phases are the way that phonemes are broken down to teach in a certain order.

44 phonemes altogether

Teaching of phonics

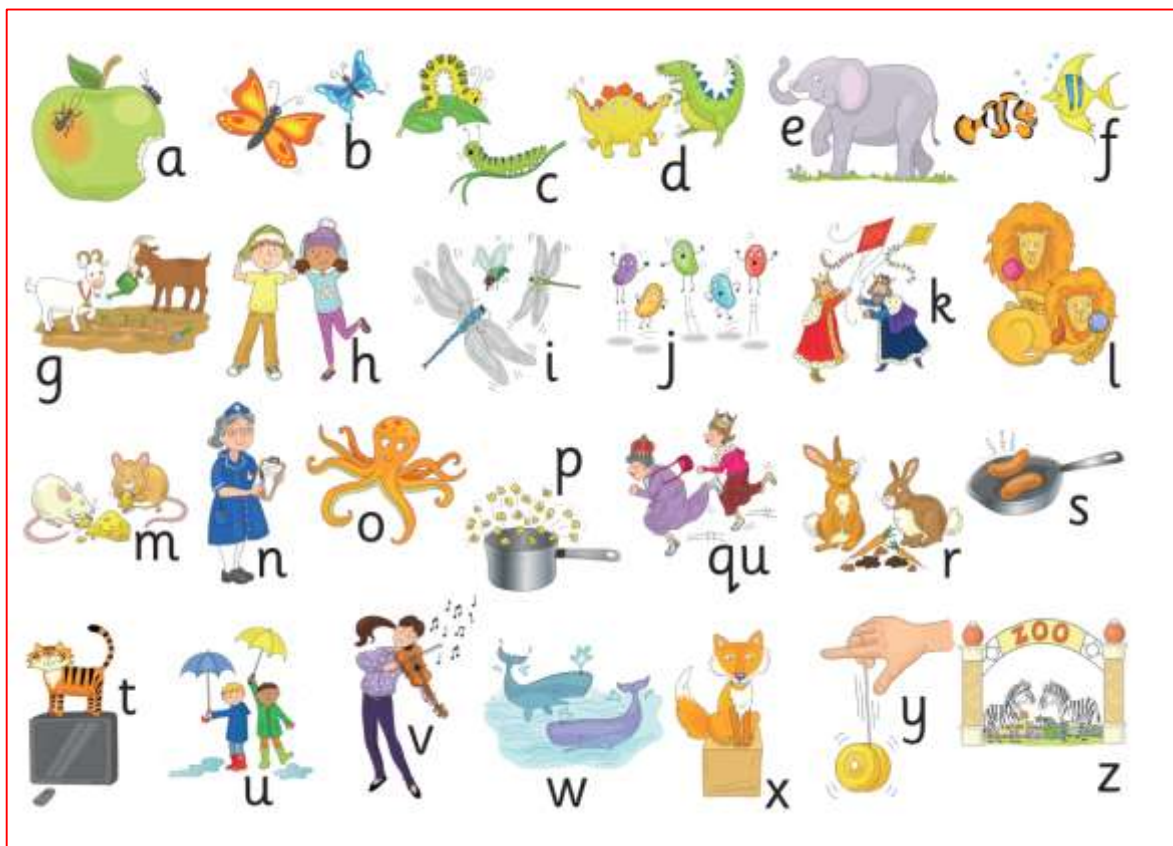
- Stage 0 – Stage 3 which covers phases 1-6
- Taught daily from Nursey to Year 2
- Up to 20 mins a day
- All sessions start with a song



Nursery:

Stage 0

Covers phases 1 and 2



Reception:

Stage 1

Covers phases 2,3,4



Year 1:
Stage 2
Covers phase 5



Year 2:
Stage 3
Covers phase 6



Green words and sentences

Contain the phonemes that
children are learning

bank
· · —

three bees in a tree
— · — · · · ~ · —

Red words

Tricky words

Common exception Words

what

was



Collins
BIG CAT
Phonics

Decodable reading books

for Letters and Sounds

Song of Sounds are fully aligned with Big Cat Phonics for Letters and Sounds decodable readers.

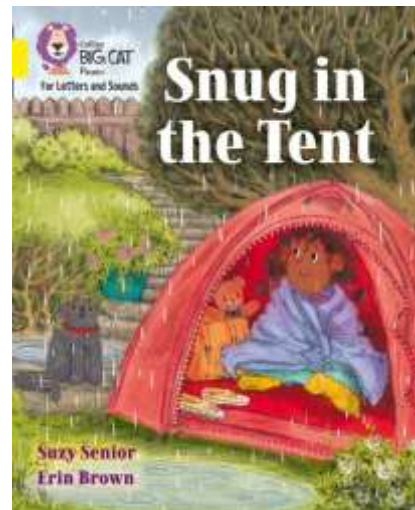
The books provide an exciting mix of fiction and non-fiction.

The books are matched exactly to the Song of Sounds progression and are mapped through the programme.

At every stage of the programme, the children will be provided with texts that fully decodable for them.

They are composed entirely of words made up of grapheme-phoneme correspondences and a small number of common exception words that the child has learnt up to that point.

Reading for pleasure



Phonics in Nursery

Stage 0 - Part 1:

- a. Main focus is on developing children's **speaking and listening skills** and **language comprehension**
- b. Frequent exposure to rhymes, stories, poems and singing
- c. Themes: environmental sounds, instrumental sounds, body percussion, rhythm and rhyme, alliteration, voice sounds, oral blending and segmenting

• Stage 0 - Part 2:

- a. Main focus is on **explicitly teaching of phonics**
- b. Comprises of 26 letter sounds (a-z)
- c. Games and practical activities to reinforce children's learning

Phonics in Nursery: *How to Support From Home*

1. Read together
2. Play phonics games
3. Singing and Reading Nursery Rhymes
4. Celebrating successes
5. Sharing your experiences with us

Support at home

As well as having fun with the song, there's a huge amount of activities you can do using the other Song of Sounds tools, such as the Big Cat reading books, and the phoneme finder, which help with that all important practice.

- Spellings
- Book
- Talk
- Apps

https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/games-phase-4#google_vignette

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics->

<https://www.songofsounds.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+Guide&pid=14>

<https://youtu.be/UCI2mu7URBc>