

Phonics at
Hope Community
School, Sidcup



Aims

- To share how phonics is taught.
- To develop your confidence in helping your children with phonics and reading
- To teach the basics of phonics and some useful phonics terms
- To outline the different stages in phonic development
- To show examples of activities and resources we use to teach phonics
- To give you an opportunity to ask questions



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



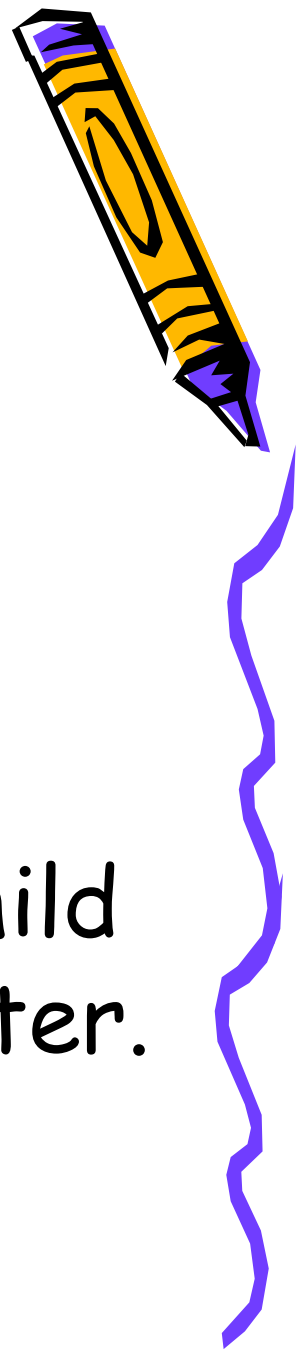
Phonics is all about using ...

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reading and
spelling

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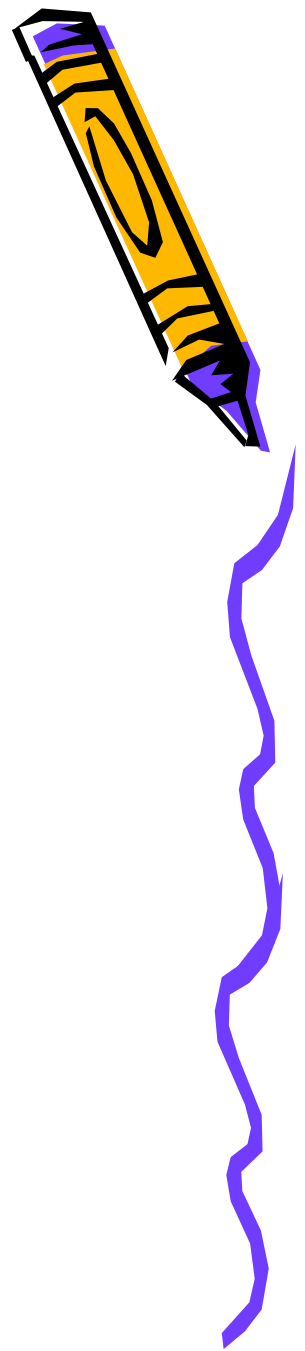
knowledge
of the
alphabet

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



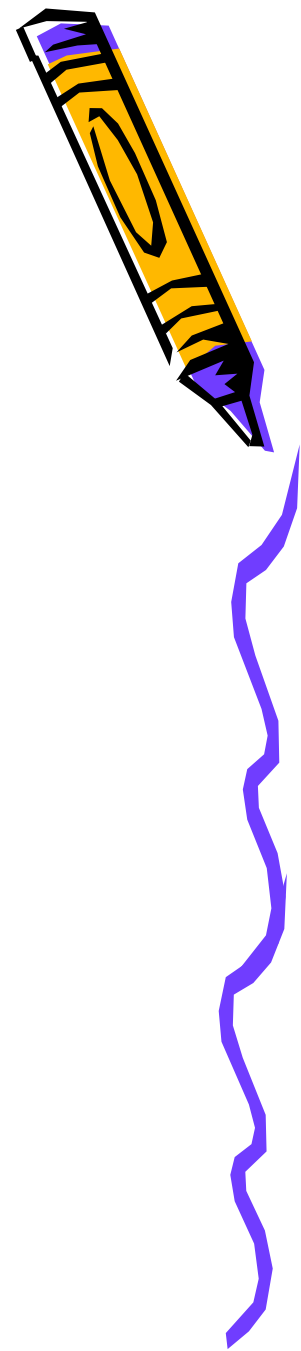
Every child in FS2 and KS1
learns daily phonics

Phonics gradually
progresses to learning
spellings - rules etc.



Daily Phonics

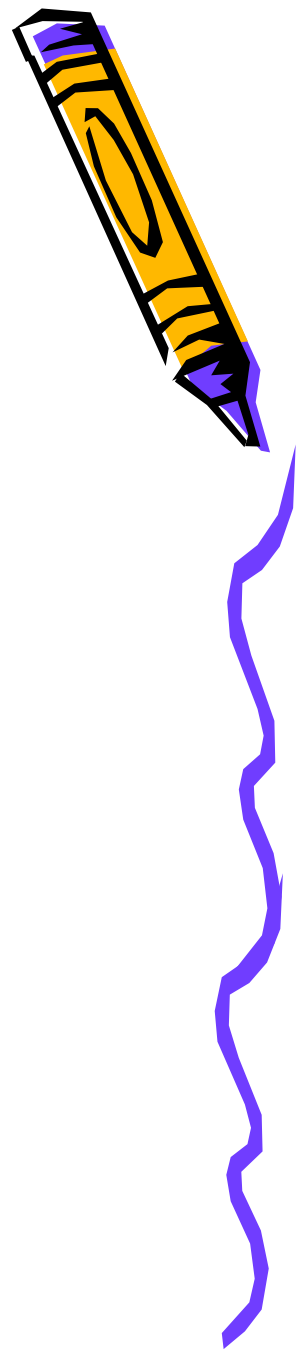
- Every day the children have 20 minute sessions of phonics.
- Fast paced approach
- Lessons encompass a range of games, songs and rhymes
- We use the Letters and Sounds planning document to support the teaching of phonics.
- There are 6 phonics phases which the children work through with regular assessment opportunities.



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



Phase 2:

Learning phonemes to read and write simple words



- Children will learn their first 19 phonemes:

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)

- They will use these phonemes to read and spell simple "consonant-vowel-consonant" (CVC) words:

sat, tap, dig, duck, rug, puff, hill, hiss

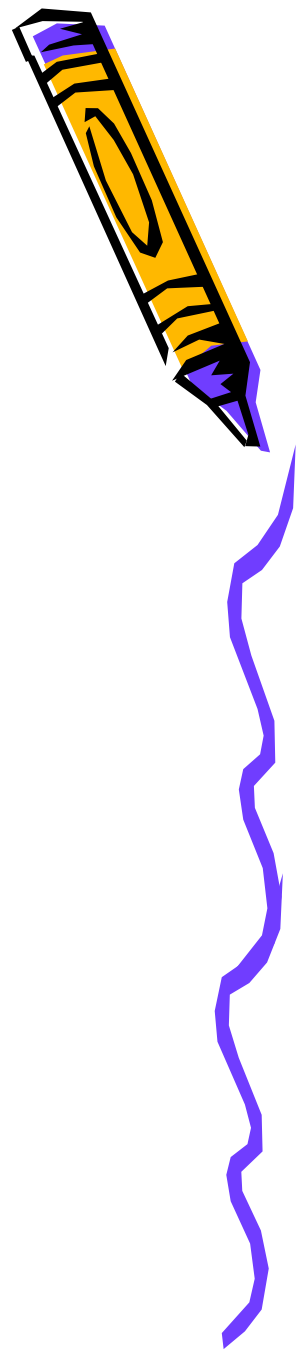
All these words contain 3 phonemes.



Saying the sounds

- Sounds should be articulated clearly and precisely.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s



Phonic terms your child will learn at school



- **Phonemes:** The smallest units of sound that are found within a word
- **Grapheme:** The letter or letters that spell the sound
- **Diagraph:** Two letters that make one sound when read
- **Trigraphs:** Three letters that make one sound
- **CVC:** Stands for consonant, vowel, consonant.
- **Segmenting** is breaking up a word into its sounds.
- **Blending** : Putting the sounds together to read a word
- **Tricky words:** Words that cannot easily be decoded.



Phonics Words

Your children will learn to use the term:

phoneme

Phonemes are sounds that can be heard in words

e.g. c-a-t



Phonics Words

Your children will learn to use
the term:

grapheme

This is how a
phoneme is written
down



Phonics Words

Your children will learn to use the term:

digraph

This means that the
phoneme comprises of two
letters

e.g. ll, ff, ck, ss



Your children will learn to use the term:

- **Trigraph** - This means that the phoneme compromise of three letters.

ear air ure
eau igh tch



Phonics Words

Your children will learn to use the term:

Blending

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



Blending

/b/ /e/ /d/ = bed

/t/ /i/ /n/ = tin

/m/ /u/ /g/ = mug



Phonics Words

Your children will learn to use the term:

Segmenting

- Children need to be able to **hear** a whole word and **say** every sound that they **hear** .



Segmenting

bed = /b/ /e/ /d/

tin = /t/ /i/ /n/

mug = /m/ /u/ /g/



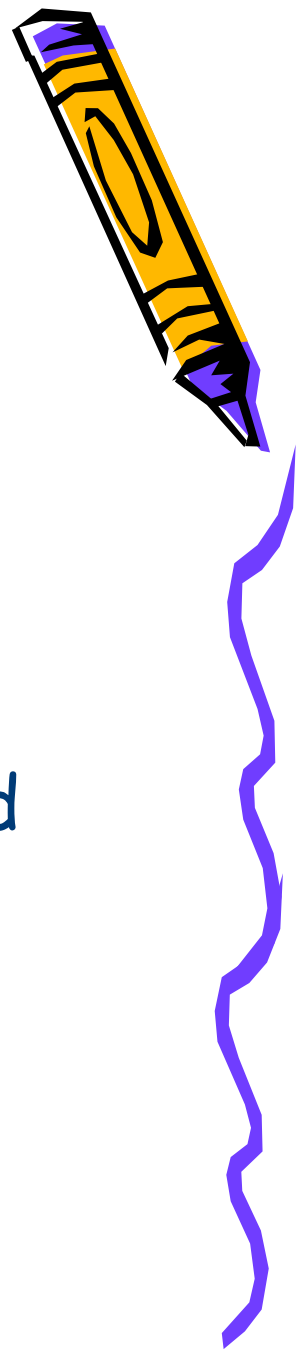
How can I help at home?

Oral blending: the robot game

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

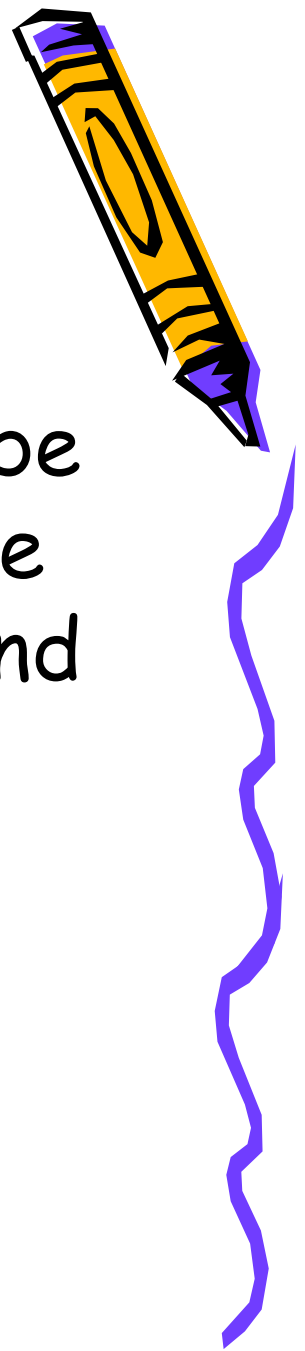
For example, you say 'b-u-s', and your child says 'bus'.

"What's in the box?" is a great game for practising this skill.



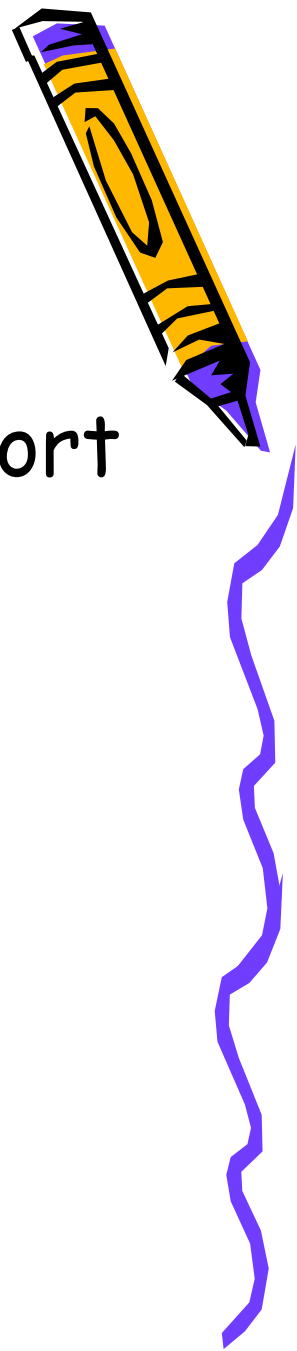
Jolly Phonics -

- There are clips available on YouTube or resources can be purchased. The children enjoy hearing the songs and performing the actions.



Alphablocks

- The program on CBeebies will support your child's pronunciation of the phonemes and also help them with blending.



Phonics words

Phoneme frame and sound buttons

c	a	t
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f	i	sh
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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



Phase 3:

Learning the long vowel phonemes

- 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:

chip, shop, thin, ring, pain, feet, night,
boat, boot, look, farm, fork, burn,
town, coin, dear, fair, sure



Phonics Words

Your children will learn to use the term:

Trigraph

This means that the phoneme comprises of three letters

e.g. igh , ear, ure

