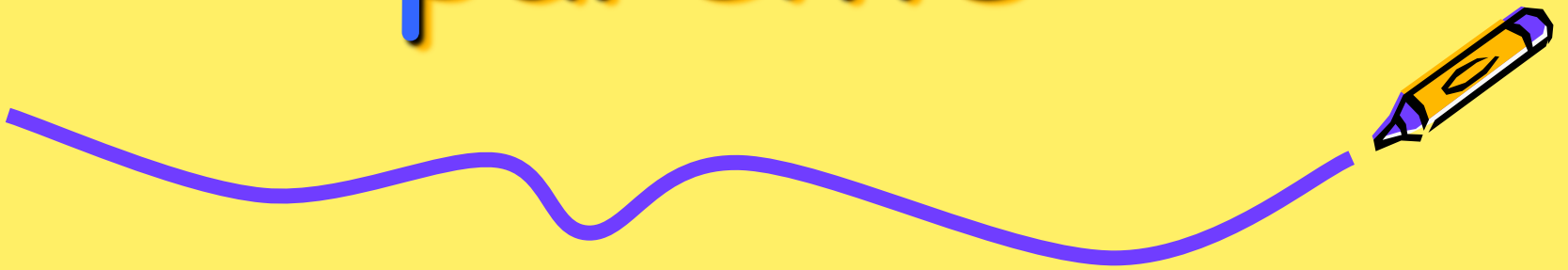


Phonics for parents



Aims for this session:



- How phonics is taught.
- How to pronounce the sounds your child is learning.
- How phonics supports reading.
- How phonics supports spelling.
- How you can help your child at home.

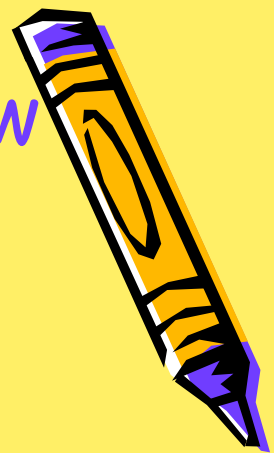


"Being able to read is the most important skill children will learn during their early schooling and has far-reaching implications for lifelong confidence and well-being."

DfES 2007



In 2006 Jim Rose conducted a review of how early reading is taught. This confirmed that 'high quality phonic work' should be the prime means for teaching children how to read and spell words.



In September 2007 'Letters and Sounds' was introduced by the DfES.



Synthetic Phonics



- Teaches children that spoken words are composed of phonemes (sounds).
- Teaches 44 phonemes.
- Teaches all the different ways each phoneme can be written.
- Teaches children to blend phonemes (reading).
- Teaches children to listen for phonemes to spell.



Letters and Sounds

- The children all have daily phonics lessons. Some children are in smaller groups.
- Letters and Sounds is made up of 6 phases.



How do we pronounce these phonemes?



- It is really important that we all pronounce the phonemes correctly.



Blending

- Blending is a vital skill for reading.
- Blending is when the separate sounds (phonemes) are spoken aloud and then blended together to make a word.

cat mat
coat



Segmenting

- Segmenting is a vital skill for spelling.
- Segmenting is when a word is said aloud and then broken up into its separate sounds (phonemes).

How many sounds do these words have?

sheep

hat

church

chick



Writing



- As children are working through phase 2 they are encouraged to use their phonics when writing.
- When your child has completed phase 3 they can write any word that they want.



Phonics sessions



- Games,
- Magnetic letters,
- Whiteboards,
- Chalks on the playground,
- Internet games,
- Worksheets.



Tricky words



- Tricky words can not be sounded out.
- These need to be learn 'off by heart'.



Ways to help your child at home



- Play 'I spy'.
- How many sounds in...?
- Word games - sound out a word and see if your child can guess the word. (p-e-n)
- Sound matching. Call out a sound and ask your child to write it in the air, in sand, flour, etc.



Websites

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/schools

