BHPS Guide to Phonics



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Glossary of terms.

Term	Definition	
Phoneme	The smallest unit of sound in a word. Also referred to as "a sound".	
Grapheme	A letter or group of letters that represent a phoneme.	
GPC	The match between a phoneme and a grapheme (grapheme phoneme correspondence)	
Digraph	A phoneme that is represented by two letters	
To sound	Saying the phonemes that each grapheme represents in order to blend them	
Trigraph	A phoneme that is represented by three letters.	
Recognition	The ability to say the sound when shown the letter (reading skill).	
Recall	The ability to find or write the letter or groups of letter when the sound is said or heard (writing skill).	
Blend	Squashing sounds together to make larger units such as syllables or words.	
Segment	Breaking words or parts of words into the component sounds.	
Polysyllabic word	A word with more than one syllable (not necessarily a compound word).	
Adjacent consonant	Two or more consonants next to each other at the beginning or end of a word or syllable.	

This vocabulary can also be found as a video on the school's youtube channel, making it more accessible to parents.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-kOVMwycTM

Principles of phonics.

A systematic synthetic programme of proven effectiveness is followed with rigour and fidelity.

- The programme is started as soon as possible when the children enter Reception. Preferably from week 3.
- The fast pace of the programme is maintained.
- Enough time is dedicated to the programme. Ideally 20-30 minutes per day.
- Teaching extends past dedicated time and is applied and reinforced throughout the day.
- There is no mix and match of programmes.
- The programme is carried through until the children can at least read almost all words fluently.

All staff involved are fully trained in teaching the programme.

- Senior management are included in the training.
- All levels of teaching assistant are included if they are involved in the teaching of early reading.
- Ongoing refresher training is provided.
- Training is provided for all new staff.

A dedicated phonics lead teaches ensures quality, consistency and continuity of teaching.

- Teacher with expertise in phonics and direct experience of teaching phonics.
- Responsibilities include monitoring, mentoring and modelling. They are given enough dedicated time to fulfill role.

Effective provision is made for all abilities.

- Grouping is appropriate for our setting. Ensuring success for all abilities.
- TAs are deployed and used to optimum effectiveness.
- Progress in is continually assessed.
- Regular progress meetings are held.
- There is close monitoring of those children who are making the slowest progress.
- Children in danger of falling behind are swiftly identified and interventions and additional support are planned.
- There is no excessive preparation for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check but it is understood and valued as an assessment tool.
- All "catch-up" retains a Systematic Synthetic Phonics focus.

A "can-do" attitude permeates everything with full expectations that all children will attain or exceed expected standards.

- Teacher and school expectations are positive and high for all children regardless of their background.
- Children are continually praised and encouraged.

Phonics Organisation

We follow the organisation of sounds as set out in 'Letters and Sounds'. Tricky words and HFWs are taught alongside each sound with a clear progression from simple to more complex GPCs. Common exceptions words are also taught as part of the school's spelling programme in discrete spelling lessons.

	Sound	Words
	satp	the to I No Go
	inmd	Into
	gock	a an as at if in is
	ckeur	it
ept	h b f/ff l/ll	of off on can
Phase 2 Reception	SS	dad had back
		and
		get big him his
		not got up mum but
	jvwx	He she we me
	y z zz qu	be was you they
	ch sh th ng	all my Her are
ear	ai ee igh oa (rain, feet,	will that this
Phase 3 Reception/Year	night, goat)	then them with
tior	oo ar or ur (book/moon,	see for now
l d	far, for, fur)	down look too
Sec	ow oi ear air (cow, coin,	
_	fear, hair)	
	ure er (sure, letter)	
 면 디 미 이 의 4 1 ~ 0 0	Cvcc (read)	said have like so

	Cvcc (write)	do some come		
	Ccvc (read)	were there little		
	Ccvc (write)	one when out		
		what		
		went it's		
		Children		
		from just help		
	ay ou ie ea (day, out,	oh their people		
	tie, eat)	Mr Mrs		
	oy ir ue aw (boy, girls,	don't old I'm by		
S T	blue, saw)	time house		
ਤ 2	wh ph ew oe (When,	about your day		
Phase 5 Year 1	photo, new toe)			
	au a-e e-e i-e (paul,	1		
	make, these like)			
	o-e u-e (home, rule)	-		
	i o c u (find, cold, cent,	looked called		
	giant)	asked could		
	ow ie ea er (blow, field,	made came		
	•	make here saw		
	bread, her)	-		
Phase 5b Alternative pronunciat Vear 1	a y ch ou g (what, by,	very		
	chef, could, magic)			
_	Please see letters and s			
Ne	pg. 154-157 for examples of words for each			
hase 5c Alternativ <u>spellings</u> Year1/2	sound.			
e 5c Altern a spellings Year1/ 2	ai c ee ch			
	igh f oa m			
ar1 ar1	oo (y) oo n			
l Sc Sc	ow ng or r			
	AR S ear sh			
ha	Air v or w			
	Ur e er I			
	Ure ozh u			
۵	Past tense			
Phase 5d/ Phase <u>6</u> Year 2	-ed			
Ч	-s –es			
	-ingedseresty -e	en		
s 5d 6	Words ending in -e			
	Words ending in -y			
Jac	Words ending in single			
	constant			
	constant			

<u>Monitoring</u>

Monitoring will be in line with school monitoring schedule. Half termly "Drop in" sessions will be available with Laura to share any difficulties.

Assessment

September- Baseline.

End of Autumn 2

End of spring 2 L. Bowker March 2020

End of summer 2

Year 1 (and appliable y2 children) may wish to add in half termly assessment in spring in preparation for phonics screening.

See appendices for O track code definitions.

BHPS phonics assessment sheets (see appendices) are contained within the reading folder for the class. These should build up a formative picture of the child's phonetic ability throughout the school and stay with the child each year. They should be updated half termly (See key reading dates).

A tracking spreadsheet for the whole class is used to monitor each child's progression through the sounds and identify gaps in learning. Intervention groups are then based on this assessment.

A typical phonics lesson

Revisit/Review

This is a review of previous learning. This can include:

- Recognition of previously taught graphemes (reading)
- Recall of previously taught graphemes. (writing)
- Recognition of previously tricky words (Reading)
- Recall of previously taught tricky words (writing)
- Reading of words containing previously GPC.
- Writing of words containing previously GPC.

<u>Teach</u>

- Explicitly teach new GPC or tricky word.
- Teaching blending or segmenting with letters.

Practice and Apply

- Practice reading or spelling words using taught letters.
- Write or read a caption using high frequency words and fully decodable words.
- All children should have a task can be differentiated.
- It should be active with everyone involved.

Revise key learning from the lesson.

- This should not be a re-run of the lesson.

<u>Planning</u>

- Daily lesson plans are available for teachers and TAs to use as part of daily class phonics and interventions.
- The planning matches the progression of the sounds and is designed to cover all aspects of the lesson in an interactive and engaging way.

Flipcharts

- Template flipcharts for use with the IWB have been created for each phonic phase in order to ensure consistency in lesson structure and graphics being shown to the children.
- The flipchart templates are to be adapted to the needs of the children as part of weekly planning by the teacher.

Phonics Displays

Frieze frames are available for phase 2 to 5. Display as and when they children have learnt the sounds. The same displays are used in each classroom to ensure consistency.

Resources

Each class uses the same provided flashcards for GPCs, Tricky words and HFWs in order to ensure consistency across the school.

Actions

We have allocated actions to be taught with each sound in order to promote recall of these sounds into long term memory. These actions have been videoed for reference by both staff and parents and are shared on the school's youtube channel. This also ensures that the sounds are taught purely and clearly without 'schwas' or differences in regional dialect.

https://youtu.be/U2O01TxWaaM

Lesson Expectations

- All children are participating in the lesson.
- The sound being taught is appropriate to the needs of the class.
- The sound is clearly modelled by the adult and rehearsed by the children.
- The sound is modelled in cursive handwriting (for writing sessions this should be an opportunity to practise letter formation).
- Children should be active within the lesson- limit activities that involve sitting for long periods.
- A variety of activities should be on offer (writing sessions).
- Children should have the opportunity to write in books at tables rather than on whiteboards (currently being trialled in Reception Autumn 2021).

Interventions

- Interventions should be targeted and structured to ensure children make rapid progress to keep up with their peers.
- Staff to use the school's 'Tracking of Interventions' sheet to monitor the impact of the intervention.
- Intervention groups should be kept small (6 children max) in order to have impact.
- Staff to use the daily phonics planning and flipcharts when delivering the interventions to ensure consistency with what is being taught in lessons.
- Staff identify children in need of intervention through use of phonics sounds tracking spreadsheet.

<u>CPD</u>

- All staff have received training in how to deliver high quality phonics lessons based upon 'letters and sounds'.
- New staff receive training as part of their introductory package to the school.
- Where a CPD need is identified during monitoring this is addressed by the phonics lead through lesson modelling and supportive coaching in line with the school's monitoring rationale.
- Spreadsheet support video <u>https://youtu.be/UdqVCaUx8aQ</u>
- Guide to Bug Club <u>https://youtu.be/2pqV5AU7pfc</u>
- Actions for all phonics sounds <u>https://youtu.be/U2001TxWaaM</u>
- Phonics Vocabulary explained <u>https://youtu.be/W-kOVMwycTM</u>
- Phonics Guide <u>https://youtu.be/ibOX0353zng</u>



- Early reading tips for reception and KS1 https://youtu.be/uFLUVgPt8z8

Progression from Reception to Year 2.

This programme overview shows the progression of GPCs and tricky words that we teach term-by-term. The progression has been organised so that children are taught from the simple to more complex GPCs. All the graphemes taught are practised in words, sentences and in fully decodable books during reading sessions.

Reception

Term/Week	Sounds taught	Words	
A1 W1	Settling in time/ Phase 1 recap		
A1 W2	Setting in time		
A1 W3	satp	the a an as at	
A1 W4	i n m d	To if in is it	
A1 W5	gock	I of off on can	
A1 W6	ck e u r	No dad had back and	
A1 W7	h b f ff	Go get big him his	
A1 W8	III ss	Into not got up mum but	
A2 W1	Consolidation of phase 2		
A2 W3	Consolidation of phase 2		
A2 W4	Consolidation of phase 2		
A2 W5	Consolidation of phase 2		
A2 W6	Consolidation of phase 2		
A2 W7	Consolidation of learning so far.		
SP1 W1	j v w x	He will that	
SP1 W2	y z zz qu	She this then	
SP1 W2	ch sh th ng	Me them with	
SP1 W4	ai ea igh oa	Be see for	
SP1 W5	oo ar or ur	Was now down	
SP1 W6	ow oi ear air	You look too	
SP2 W1	ure er	They	
SP2 W2	Consolidation of phase 3	All	
SP2 W2	Consolidation of phase 3	My	
SP2 W3	Consolidation of phase 3	Her	
SP2 W5	Consolidation of phase 3		
SP2 W5	Consolidation of phase 3	are	
3F2 W0			
S1 W1	Cvcc (read)	Said	
S1 W2	Cvcc (write)	Have	
S1 W3	Ccvc (read)	like	
S1 W3	Ccvc (wirte)	so	
S1 W5	Consolidation of phase 4.	do	
S2 W1	Consolidation of learning.	some	
S2 W2	Focus on meeting all	come	
S2 W2	statements in ELG for	were	
S2 W3	Reading and writing.	there	
S2 W5		Little	
S2 W5			
S2 W0	-	one	
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Term/Week	Sounds taught	Words
A1 W1	Settling/ begin assessments	
A1 W2	Assessment	
A1 W3	j v w x	He will that
A1 W4	y z zz qu	She this then
A1 W5	ch sh th ng	Me them with
A1 W6	ai ea igh oa	Be see for
A1 W7	oo ar or ur er	Was now down
A1 W8	ow oi ear air ure	You look too
A2 W1	Consolidate Phase 3	
A2 W2	Consolidate Phase 3	
A2 W3	CVCC Read and write	little
	Build in polysyllabic words	one when out what
	and cvcc with phase 3	went it's Children
	graphemes	just help
A2 W4	CCVC Read and write	do some come were there was yo
	Build in polysyllabic words	
	and ccvc with phase 3	
	graphemes	
A2 W5	Consolidate Phase 4	
A2 W6	ay ou ie ea (day, out, tie,	oh don't their people
	eat)	
A2 W7	oy ir ue aw (boy, girls, blue,	Mr Mrs
	saw)	old I'm your
A2 W8	Assessments	
SP1 W1	Consolidate phase E	
SP1 W1 SP1 W2	Consolidate phase 5 Consolidate phase 5	
SP1 W2	wh ph ew oe au (When,	Said so have like by time day
	photo, new toe, paul)	Said so have like by time day
SP1 W4	a-e e-e i-e o-e u-e (paul,	Some come were there house
	make, these like home, rule)	about
SP1 W5		
	Consolidation of Phase 5	your day
SP1 W6	Assessments	your day
		your day
SP2 W1	Assessments Consolidation of Phase 5 i o c u (find, cold, cent,	your day looked could saw very
SP2 W1 SP2 W2	Assessments Consolidation of Phase 5	
SP2 W1 SP2 W2	Assessments Consolidation of Phase 5 i o c u (find, cold, cent, giant)	looked could saw very
SP2 W1 SP2 W2 SP2 W3	Assessments Consolidation of Phase 5 i o c u (find, cold, cent, giant) ow ie ea er (blow, field,	looked could saw very
SP2 W2 SP2 W3	Assessments Consolidation of Phase 5 i o c u (find, cold, cent, giant) ow ie ea er (blow, field, bread, her)	looked could saw very called made came
SP2 W1	AssessmentsConsolidation of Phase 5i o c u (find, cold, cent, giant)ow ie ea er (blow, field, bread, her)a y ch ou g (what, by, chef, could, magic)Consolidation of Phase 5b	looked could saw very called made came
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S2 W1	oo (y) oo n	Old don't water there where
S2 W2	ow ng or r	many laughed because different
S2 W3	AR S ear sh	Friends once oh
S2 W4	Air v or w	Please little one do
S2 W5	Ur e er I	Mr Mrs any friends
S2 W6	Ure o zh u	Called asked should
S2 W7	Consolidate phase 5c	

<u>Year 2</u>

Term/Week	Sounds taught	Words
A1 W1	Settling in	
A1 W2	Consolidate phase 5a	Oh their people
A1 W3	Consolidate phase 5b	Mr mrs looked
A1 W4	Consolidate phase 5c	Asked called should
A1 W5	Past tense	
A1 W6	-ed	rounded, helped, turned, begged, hissed, wanted, sorted, hummed, waded, washed, hated, greased, lived, robbed, rocked, laughed, called, roasted
A1 W7	-s —es	cats, dogs, spends, rocks, thanks, catches, knives, loaves
A1 W8	-ingeds	Singing, running, walked, climbed, pencils
A2 W1	-ingeds	Singing, running, walked, climbed, pencils
A2 W2	er –est –y -en	Lower, luckier, lowest, luckiest, funny, smokey, sandy, flatten, whiten, straighten
A2 W3	er –est –y -en	Lower, luckier, lowest, luckiest, funny, smokey, sandy, flatten, whiten, straighten
A2 W4	Consolidate	
A2 W5	Words ending in -e	hope, safe, use
A2 W6	Words ending in –y	cry, fly, dry, try, reply, July lucky, happy, puppy, fry monkey
A2 W7	Words ending in single constant	hop – hopped, hopping; red – redder, reddest; run – running, runner
A2 W8	Consolidate	

<u>Appendices</u>

BHPS Phonics Assessment

Name of child:

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Date of							
assessment							
and colour							
of							
highlighting.							
nignignung.							
Phase 2	Read	Write					
Set 1	satp	s a t		S	at tap sap	n sat na	t mat
Set 2	in m d	linm	•		an pin sit		t mat
Set 3			-		•	• •	n
	gock	goc			ot pod pa		111
Set 4	ckeur	ckeu			un leg bu		
Set 5	h b f ff l ll ss		ff	n	it hiss hu	tt dill tu	n
		SS					
Phase 2 tricky		The	to I r	no go			
words							
Phase 3	<u>Read</u>	<u>Write</u>					
Set 6	j v w x	j v w	Х	Ja	am van we	t box	
Set 7	y z zz qu	y z zz	z qu	Y	et zip fuzz	quit	
	ch sh th ng	ch sh	th ng	C	hip shop th	ning rain	sheep
	ai ee igh oa oo oa		igh oa		igh boat	5	•
	5	oo oa	-		ook moon		
	ar or ur ow oi ear air			E	arm for hu	rt cow co	in dear
	ure er		ur ow		air corner		
			r ure	-			
				-			
Phase 3 tricky	He she we me	e be was	no ao i	mv vol	they her a	all are	
words		5 50 1140	ne ge i	, ,			
Phase 4	Bend mend hump bent o	lamn sno	t snin t	rin ala	ss track sn	eck	
(cvcc & ccvc)			c spin c	.np gia	ss truck sp	CCR	
Phase 4 tricky	Said so have like some c	omo wor	o thoro		no do who	n out wh	hot.
words		ome wer	e there			en out wi	Idl
Phase 5	Pood	Write					
Flidse 3	Read	<u>Write</u>	io or			oot how -	url cour
	ay ou ie ea oy ir ue	-	ie ea		ay out tie		
	aw where the second second		ue aw		hen graph		
	wh ph ew oe au		n ew c		nake name	these lik	e nome
	a-e e-e i-e o-e u-e	au			ule lane		
			e i-e	0-			
	-	e u-e					
Phase 5 tricky	Oh their people Mr Mrs looked asked called could						
words							
Phase 5 (part	i fin find		ov	v cow	blow		
2) Alternative	o hot cold		ie				
pronunications	c cat cent		ea eat bead great				
of graphemes	g got giant			er farmer her			
	u but put		a	hat w			
			v		y very		
				-	school che	f	
					houlder co		
				, out s			

Phase 2 words		Tricky words
sat	tap	the
sap	sat	to
pat	mat	I
pan	pin	no
sit	tip	go
pit	cat	
can	run	pod
leg	but	
sick	hit	
hiss	huff	
bill	fun	

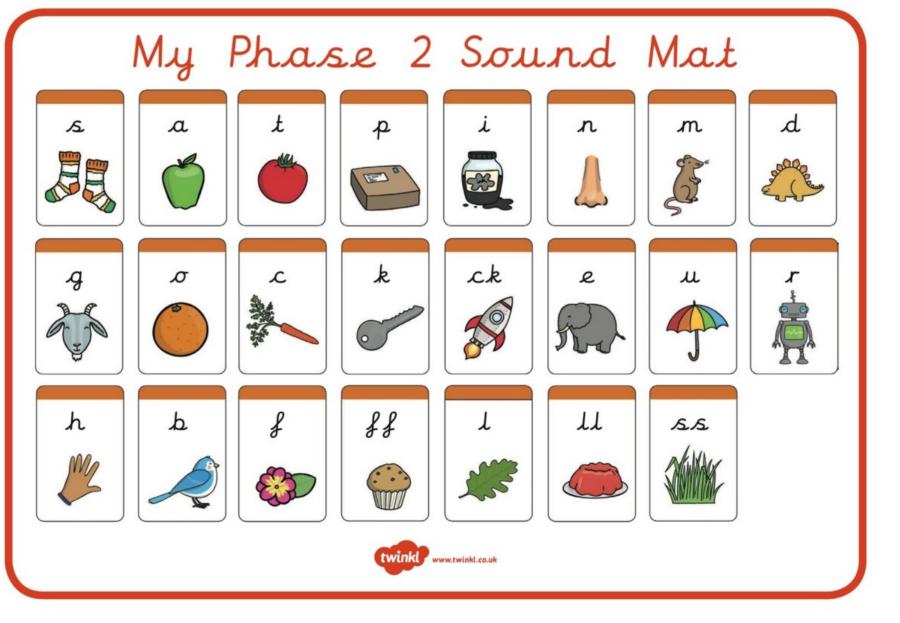
Phase 3 words		Tricky words
jam	van	he
wet	box	she
yet	zip	we
fuzz	quit	me
chip	shop	be
thing	rain	was
sheep	high	no
boat	book	go
moon	farm	my
for	hurt	you
cow	coin	they
dear	fair	her
	corner	are

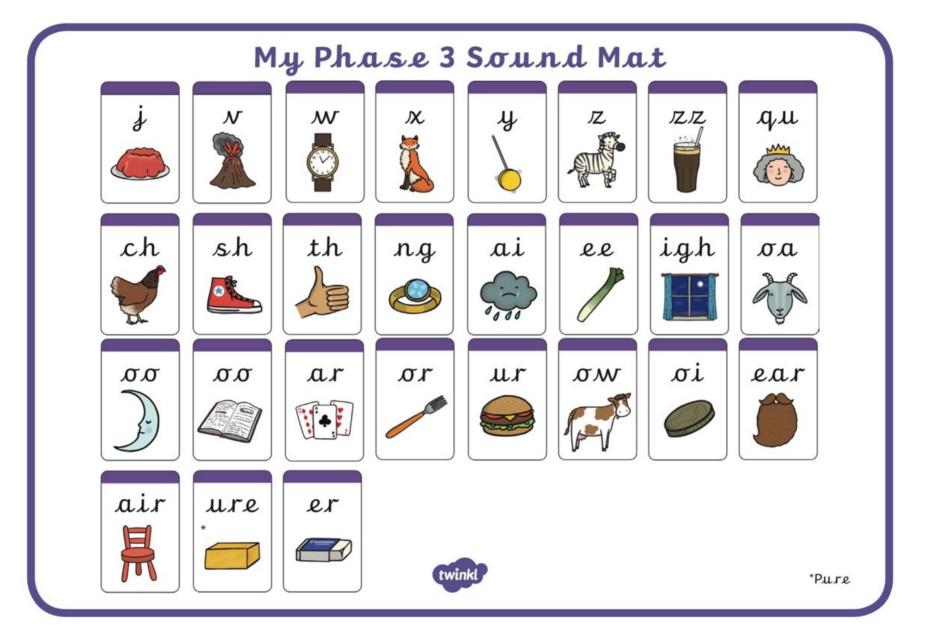
Phase	Tricky words	
bend	sport	said
mend	bleed	50
hump	brush	have
bent	smear	like
damp	growl	some
spot	scoop	come
spin	speech	were
trip	freshness	there
glass	starlight	little
track	floating	one
speck	treetop	do
steep	out	one
train	what	when

Phase	<u>5 words</u>	Tricky words
day	out	oh
tie	eat	their
girl	boy	people
blue	saw	Mr
when	graph	Mrs
new	toe	looked
Paul	make	asked
name	these	called
like	home	could
rule	lane	

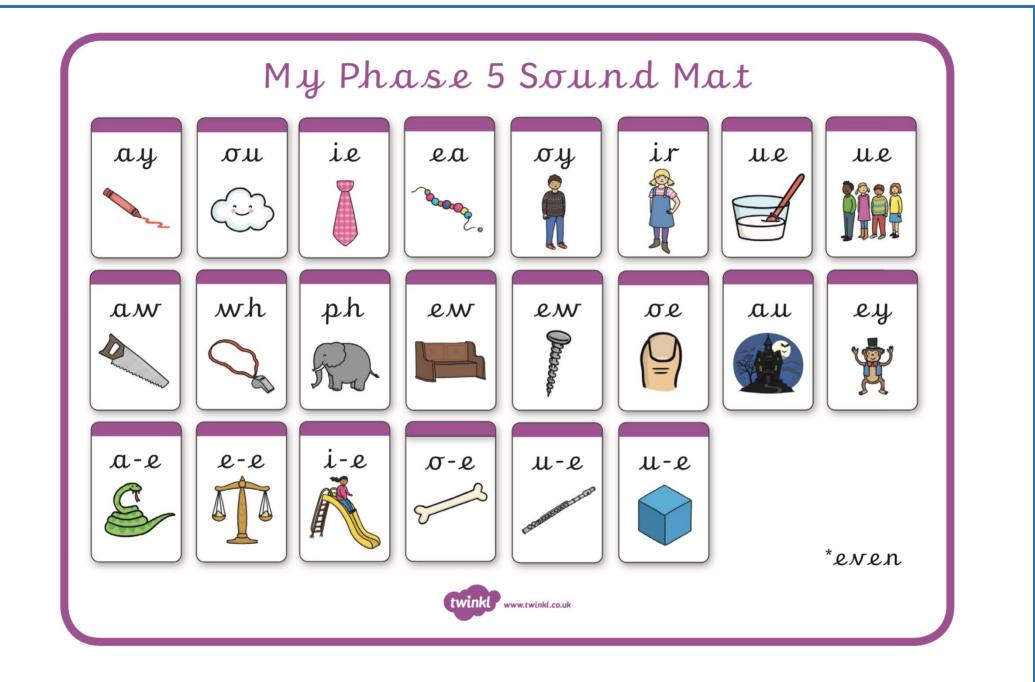
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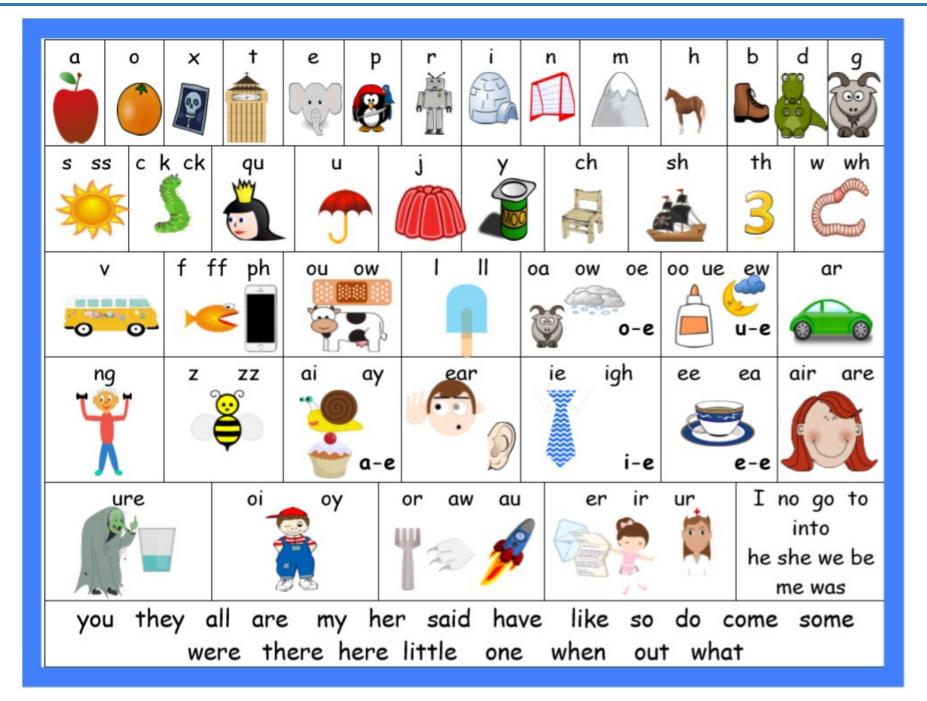
1	Beginning to recognise and name familiar sounds.	3	Can read and write set 6 &7 + ch sh th ng. Can blend and segment with these sounds.	5	Can read and write phase 5a sounds Can blend and segment with these sounds.
1+	Can recognise familiar sounds. E.g. cow, horn, door.	3+	Can read and write all phase 3. Can blend and segment.	5+	Can read write alternative pronunciations to most words.
1++	Can orally blend and sound.	3++	Can read and write tricky words and HFW words.	5++	Can read and write tricky and HFW words.
2	Can read and write set 1 set 2 and set 3 sounds. Can blend and segment words with set 1 and 2.	4	Can blend and segment with beginning adjacent constants.	6	Emerging using spelling rules.
2+	Can read and write all phase 2 sounds (set 1-5) Can blend and segment words with all phase 2	4+	Can blend and segment with ending adjacent constants.	6+	Developing using spelling rule.
2++	Can read and write tricky and HFW words.	4++	Can read and write tricky and HFW words.	6++	Confident using spelling rules.





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Additional Files.

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Phase 2 words Phase 3 words Phase 4 words Phase 5 words

Frieze frames. Tricky words Flash cards

Phase 2 planning Phase 3 planning Phase 4 planning Phase 5a planning Phase 5b planning Phase 5c planning Phase 5d planning



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Phonics handbook for each phase Phase 3 Resources for each sound Phase 4 Resources for each sound Phase 5 Resources for each sound Phonics Check Revision resources

Flipcharts:

Phase 2 Phase 3

Phase 4 Phase 5



Phonics amendment November 2020.

Whole school actions following English hub training.

Robot arms One robot arm per sound. Used to segment for writing.

Robot arms are to be used by Early Years and at the beginning of Year 1. Throughout the Autumn Term Year 1 are to phase out robot arms when the children are developmentally ready. Robot arms can be used above Year 1 if developmentally appropriate.

Phoneme Fingers One finger per sound. Used to segment for writing.

To be used in conjunction with robot arms in Early Years and Year 1. To be used as only method of segmenting in Year 2 upwards.

Sound buttons. Method of adding dots and dashes to identify graphemes when reading.

To be used from Early Years and up. Support for reading.