

Helping your child at home

I Spy

Play I Spy using letter sounds and letter names

Magnetic letters/letter cards

Find out which letters have been taught - have fun finding these with your child. Place them on the floor or a magnetic surface like your fridge or a tin tray.

Reading words

Make some words with two or three sounds e.g. boat, rain, cow

Read these words together, say the sounds aloud 'b-oa-t, r-ai-n, c-ow. This is blending.

Spelling words

Now do it the other way around - say the word, split the word into sounds and make the word. This is segmenting.

Sentences

Write a sentence for your child. Ask them to read it to you. Then ask your child to change the sentence and write it e.g. *Mark fed the cat, Mark fed the dog.*

What is the Word?

Write a word containing some Phase Three sounds. Ask your child to read it and find the object e.g. ch-air and sh-e-ll.

Phonics at



Letters and Sounds Phase Three

A guide for parents/carers

What is phonics?

When your child starts Reception they take part in a daily phonics lesson. In this lesson children learn that spoken words are made up of different sounds (phonemes) and that these can be linked to letters (graphemes). Sounds can be made of one or more letters. For example:

c as in **cat** **ee** as in **sheep** **igh** as in **night**

Children use this knowledge when they are reading and writing. When reading a word children are taught to say each sound they see and then put them together (this is called blending). For example:

c-a-t sh-ee-p n-igh-t

When spelling a word children are taught to do the opposite, say the word, split it into sounds and write the word on a board (this is called segmenting).



We are using a phonics programme called Letters and Sounds. There are six phases in this programme and your child is currently working on **Phase Three**.

Your child will learn the following sounds and letters:

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

As they learn these sounds they will practise reading and spelling short words containing three of these sounds. You can help your child to learn these sounds and practise reading and spelling words.

Saying the sounds

Your child will be taught how to say each sound correctly, this makes blending and segmenting easier. It is a good idea to speak to your child's teacher about how to help your child say each sound correctly.