

## How you can help your child with phonics (learning letter sounds)

At Heronshaw we follow the government document Letters and Sounds. Letters and Sounds is based upon 6 phases in which children progress through. Within these phases children begin to identify and recognise individual sounds, begin to hear sounds within words by sounding them out and use then these skills to support their reading and writing. Of course it is not that easy, there are words that have irregular spellings and cannot be sounded out. These we call tricky words and we teach just be looking and remembering; looking at the shape the word makes and the individual letters.

We teach letter sounds in a specific order which is below. It is important to note that the sounds are not the letter names which would be said when saying the alphabet. To hear the pure sounds we teach please click on this link:

<http://jollylearning.co.uk/2010/10/29/hear-the-letter-sounds/>

### **Phase 2**

Set 1 sounds: s a t p

Set 2 sounds: i n m d

Set 3 sounds: g o c k

Set 4 sounds: ck e u r

Set 5 sounds: h b f ff l ll ss

### **Phase 3**

Set 6 sounds: j v w x

Set 7 sounds: y z zz qu

Additional: ch sh th ng ai ee igh oa oo ar or ur ow oi ear air ure er

In order to support your child progress in phonics and in turn reading and writing, we have provided some game ideas and resources for you to use. You may need to

print some resources.

### Games for Learning letter sounds

- Letter snap
- Fish letters out of water/sand
- Stick letters on cars—which car wins the race?
- Stick letters on skittles - which sounds have you knocked down?
- Look for letters as you are out and about - number plates, road signs etc
- Point out letters children know when reading to your child.
- Point out letters that are at the beginning of friends and families names, talk about upper case (capitals) and lower case letters.
- Pick a letter out of a bag - which sound have you found.
- Treasure hunt - how many "a" can you find?
- Beat the clock (a game to increase speed of recognition) - use a timer, how many letter sounds can they get right in 1 minute? The challenge is to beat their score the next time you play.
- Beat the grown up - flashcard game, each time your child gets a sound right they win a point, if they are unsure you get the point.
- Form the letter in the air, on your hand, on your back, with your finger in paint/in sand etc (say the sequence of movements as you form the letter)
- Making sounds out of play dough, pipe cleaners or alike.

### Games for Listening for and distinguishing sounds

- I spy something beginning with ...
- I spy something rhyming with ...
- I spy something ending with ...
- Make silly soup - only objects that begin with ... can go in the soup.
- Make rhyming silly soup - only objects that rhyme with ... can go in the soup.
- Sing/read nursery rhymes/poems together
- Make up own silly verses to rhymes
- Provide a tray of objects starting with different sounds, say a letter sound, children find the matching object.

- Sort objects into groups starting with the same sound, e.g. cat only likes things beginning with c, which of these things does he like.

### Games to support Reading

- Sound buttons (we use this within school) - push the 'button' and make the sound for each letter, then say the sound again more quickly one after the other to make the word.
- Beat the clock - how many words can your child read in a time scale

### Games to support spelling

- Using magnetic letters (or just letter sounds written on small pieces of paper) say a word for your child, can they find the letters to build it? (start with 2 letter words and move onto 3 letter words when they are confident)
- Tell your child you had made some words using the letters but when you weren't looking someone has moved some of the letters. Can they help you to put the missing letters back? This word \_ap was supposed to say map, which letter do I need to make it right again. Miss out different letters in the word.
- Make a word with your child, what does it say. I want to change the word to... what do I need to do?
- Using the above ideas, use paint brushes and water and write on the ground, write in sand or mud etc.

**It is useful to ask your child to make/write/read words that can be made using the letters they have learnt.**

**Below is a list of words and phrases that you could use when playing the games above. The words and phrases develop as the child learns more sounds.**

Words using the letters s a t p

<i>at</i>
<i>sat</i>
<i>pat</i>
<i>tap</i>
<i>sap</i>

Words using the letters s a t p i n m d

(+ i )	(+ n )	(+ m )	(+ d )
it	an	am	dad
is	in	man	sad
sit	nip	mam	dim
sat	pan	mat	dip
pit	pin	map	din
tip	tin	Pam	did
pip	tan	Tim	Sid
sip	nap	Sam	and

Words using the letters s a t p i n m d g o c k

(+ g )	(+ o )	(+ c )	(+ k )
tag	got	can	kid
gag	on	cot	kit
gig	not	cop	Kim
gap	pot	cap	Kan
nag	top	cat	
sag	dog	cod	
gas	pop		
pig	God		

dig	Mog		
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Words using the letters s a t p i n m d g o c k ck e u r

(+ ck)	(+ e)	(+ u)	(+ r)
kick	get	up	rim
sock	pet	mum	rip
sack	ten	run	ram
dock	net	mug	rat
pick	pen	cup	rag
sick	peg	sun	rug
pack	met	tuck	rot
ticket	men	mud	rocket
pocket	neck	sunset	carrot

Captions using the letters s a t p i n m d g o c k ck e u r

pat a dog	dad and nan
a cat in a hat	a nap in a cot
a sad man	a kid in a cap
a pin on a map	a tin can
pots and pans	cats and dogs

Words using sets 1 - 5 letters s a t p i n m d g o c k ck e u r h b f,ff  
l,ll ss

(+ h)	(+ b)	(+ f /ff)	(+ l / ll)	(+ ss)
had	but	if	lap	ass
him	big	off	let	less
his	back	fit	leg	hiss
hot	bet	fin	lot	mass
hut	bad	fun	lit	mess
hop	bag	fig	bell	boss
hum	bed	fog	fill	fuss
hit	bud	puff	doll	hiss

hat	beg	huff	tell	pass
has	bug	cuff	sell	kiss
hack	bun	fan	Bill	Tess
hug	bus	fat	Nell	fusspot
	Ben		dull	
	bat		laptop	
	bit			
	bucket			
	beckon			
	rabbit			

Words using sets 1 - 6 letters s a t p i n m d g o c k ck e u r h b f,ff  
l,ll ss j v w x

(+ j )	(+ v )	(+ w )	(+ x )
jam	van	will	mix
Jill	vat	win	fix
jet	vet	wag	box
jog	Vic	web	tax
Jack	Ravi	wig	six
Jen	Kevin	wax	taxi
Jet-lag	visit	cobweb	vixen
jacket	velvet	wicked	exit

Words using ch sh th ng

ch	sh	th	ng
chop	ship	<i>them</i>	ring
chin	shop	<i>then</i>	rang
chug	shed	<i>that</i>	hang
check	shell	<i>this</i>	song
such	fish	<i>with</i>	wing
chip	shock	moth	rung
chill	cash	thin	king

much	bash	thick	long
rich	hush	path	sing
chicken	rush	bath	ping-pong

Sentences with the letters s a t p i n m d g o c k ck e u r h b f,ff l,ll ss j v w x y z,zz qu ch sh th ng and some tricky words

<b>I am in such a rush to get to the shops.</b>
<b>A man is rich if he has lots of cash.</b>
<b>Natasha sang a song to me.</b>
<b>The van will chug up the long hill.</b>
<b>Sasha had a quick chat with Kath and me.</b>
<b>A moth can be fat, but its wings are thin.</b>
<b>The ship hit the rocks with a thud.</b>
<b>Lots of shops sell chicken as well as fish and chips.</b>
<b>Josh had a shock as he got a bash on the chin.</b>

Tricky words (these words are irregular and have to be learnt solely by looking and remembering as they cannot be sounded out, it is helpful if your child can read them on sight and spell them)

the	to	I	go
no	he	she	we
me	be	was	my
you	they	her	all
are			