

Phonics at Allington Primary School

Children learn phonics in order to read and spell. We do this in a fun way, supported by Jolly Phonics, and with lots of practical activities. We also practise writing each letter with the correct formation. Please find below a list of the phonemes that the children will learn in Reception and Year 1. They will learn to read real and 'non-sense' words with these phonemes and also learn to apply their phonic knowledge to word and sentence writing.

Phase 1: (Pre-school) The children work on showing awareness of rhyme and alliteration, distinguishing between different sounds in the environment, exploring and experimenting with sounds and words and discriminating speech sounds in words. Beginning to orally blend and segment phonemes.

Phase 2:

Set 1: s, a, t, p

Set 2: i, n, m, d

Set 3: g, o, c, k

Set 4: ck (sick), e, u, r

Set 5: h, b, f, ff (huff), l, ll (fall), ss (fuss)

The letters are taught in this order to encourage the children to build words, blend and segment them from the very start. In order to blend successfully, children need to use the 'pure' sounds 'c' not 'cu', m not 'mu' and read and blend them quickly. For example, c-a-t, cat, d-o-g, dog.

Phase 3:

Set 6: j, v, w, x

Set 7: y, z, zz(fizz), qu (quack)

Set 8: ch (chin), sh (ship), th,(them) ng (strong),

Set 9: ai (rain), ee (feet), igh (night), oa (boat), oo (moon)

Set 10: ar (car), or (short), ur (nurse), ow (clown), oi (boil)

Set 11: ear(hear), air (hair), ure (sure), er (teacher)

Phase 4:

No new phonemes are taught. Introduction of blending initial and final consonant clusters and polysyllabic words.

e.g. drop, milk, drink, desktop, windmill.

Phase 5: Alternative vowel phonemes and consonants

Children will be taught new graphemes and alternative pronunciations for these graphemes.

wh, ph, ay, ou, ie, ea, oy, ir, ue, aw, ew, oe, au

Split digraphs: a_e, e_e, i_e, o_e, u_e

The children will also learn to read 'tricky words' in each Phase, which are learnt through the whole word approach. Please see attached word mat. Alphablocks, on Cbeebies, has some good programmes on all of the different phonemes taught. There is also an Alphablocks app available and a Jolly Phonics app too. Education City has Phonics games for each Phase, which your child could play at home.