

# EYFS & KS1 Phonics Workshop Information Sheet

## An Overview of the Phonic Phases

**Phase 1-** Develop an awareness of rhyme and alliteration. Begin to orally blend and segment phonemes (no letter sounds are taught at this stage).

**Phase 2-** Work on blending for reading and segmenting for spelling simple CVC words. Learn letter sounds (phonemes) and names (graphemes) in set progression.

**Phase 3-** Work on learning one grapheme for each of the 43 phonemes including learning some diagraphs and trigraphs. Read and spell CVC words.

**Phase 4-** Consolidate knowledge of 43 graphemes of Phase 3 and apply to longer words eg. farmer (CVCV).

**Phase 5-** Learn new graphemes and alternative pronunciations for graphemes already known. Spell words using phonetically plausible attempts.

**Phase 6-** Develop fluency as reader and become increasingly accurate spellers. Learn range of comprehension strategies and recognize phonic irregularities.

## Some definitions:

A **phoneme** is a sound eg. y

A **grapheme** is the visual representation of that sound eg. you write the letter y

A **diagraph** is when you write two letter to make one sound eg. ay or ai

A **trigraph** is when you write three letters to make one sound eg. igh or ear

**Blending** is joining a number of phonemes together to make a word

**Segmenting** is separating a word into it's separate phonemes


**CVC** (consonant vowel consonant) eg. bed, farm

**CVCC** (consonant consonant vowel consonant) eg. float, brick

## How can you help at home?

Help children apply what they learn in phonics by applying it to things in their everyday routine at home eg.

- Play phoneme spotter eg. magazine, recipe book, back of cereal packet
- Read regularly at home, talk about the book and look for tricky words and phonemes
- Encourage children to have a go when they attempt writing by sounding out using their phonics and tricky word knowledge. Don't worry about them getting everything right!



## Useful Websites for Resources to Support Your Child's Phonics Learning at Home

The following websites have online and/or printable activities to support your child's developing phonic knowledge (which supports reading and writing):

Letters and Sounds (<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>) – has free online games and printable resources to support phonics development at home.

Sparklebox ([www.sparklebox.co.uk](http://www.sparklebox.co.uk)) – has free printable activities for children in all areas of learning. There is a 'parents' section on the website specifically to support learning at home.

CBeebies website (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/eyfs/>) – has games and activities for children to do at home to extend and apply their learning.

### Other Free Online Resources:

<http://www.phonics.com/>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

<http://genkienglish.net/phonics.htm>

<http://www.ictgames.com/>

[http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/>