

Welcome to  
Foundation Stage  
Phonics Stay and Play





# What is phonics?





# Phonics in Nursery

Teach for 20mins a day

Focus on set 1 sounds

Learn bouncy and stretchy  
sounds

Learn letter formation rhymes

Practise aural blending  
(listening skills)



When we say a stretchy sound it is one long sound mmmmmm

Consonants: stretchy

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
										nk

Consonants: bouncy

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
	k											

Vowels: bouncy

Vowels: stretchy

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
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oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy
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When we say a bouncy sound we say it multiple times a a a



Rhymes for letter formation - taken from Read Write Inc.

<p>a</p>  <p>Around the apple and down the leaf.</p>	<p>b</p>  <p>Down the laces to the heel and around the toe.</p>	<p>c</p>  <p>Curl around the caterpillar.</p>	<p>d</p>  <p>Around the dinosaurs bottom, up his tall neck &amp; down to his toes.</p>	<p>e</p>  <p>Lift off the top and scoop out the egg.</p>	<p>f</p>  <p>Down the stem and draw the leaves.</p>
<p>g</p>  <p>Around the girls face, down her hair and give her a curl.</p>	<p>h</p>  <p>Down the head, to his hooves and over his back.</p>	<p>i</p>  <p>Down the body and dot for the head.</p>	<p>j</p>  <p>Down his body, curl, dot for his head.</p>	<p>k</p>  <p>Down the kangaroo's body tail and leg.</p>	<p>l</p>  <p>Down the long leg.</p>
<p>m</p>  <p>Down Maisie, mountain, mountain.</p>	<p>n</p>  <p>Down Nobby and over his net.</p>	<p>o</p>  <p>All around the orange.</p>	<p>p</p>  <p>Down the pirates plait and around his face.</p>	<p>qu</p>  <p>Round her head, up past her earring, down her hair, and flick.</p>	<p>r</p>  <p>Down the robots back and curl over his arm.</p>
<p>s</p>  <p>Slither down the snake.</p>	<p>t</p>  <p>Down the tower, across the tower.</p>	<p>u</p>  <p>Down and under, up to the top and draw the puddle.</p>	<p>v</p>  <p>Down a wing, up a wing.</p>	<p>w</p>  <p>Down, up, down, up.</p>	<p>x</p>  <p>Down the arm and leg, repeat the other side.</p>
<p>y</p>  <p>Down a horn, up a horn and under head.</p>	<p>z</p>  <p>Zig-zag-zig.</p>				

Each letter has a letter formation rhyme to help children learn how to write the sound.



This is Fred! Fred can't talk he can only say pure sounds.



The nursery children focus on aural blending. This means they listen to Fred's sounds and then try to blend them together to make a word.



# Phonics in Reception

Taught for 20mins a day

Focus on set 1 and 2 sounds

Learn to read green words

Learn to read red words

Learn to write using their phonics

Phonics in the environment at all times



Red words are words that we can't use phonics to sound out.

I

you

said

In our new reading books red words are actually red to help children learn they can't sound them out.



Green words can be sounded out using phonics. We use sound buttons under each sound and then blend them together to read a green word.

c a t

Please use letter sounds at home rather than letter names at this stage. For example 'b b b' not 'bee'



# Fred Fingers

To write in reception and onwards, we use Fred fingers.

- We say a word
- The children count the sounds on their fingers
- They pinch each sound
- They write down each sound



# Phonics in year 1

In June of year 1 the children will have a phonics screening check to check can they use all 44 sounds confidently.



# Phonics at home

All of the children's reading books are based on the sounds they are learning so please support in reading at least 4 times a week with your child - it does make a big difference. We've added some reading eyes to your pack to help make it even more fun at home.



# Phonics at home

This video is a great way to practise sounds so you know how all the letters sound.





# Phonics at home

Look for fun ways to play with sounds.

You could...

Look for sounds while you walk to school

Use post it notes to hide sounds and bring them back to make a word





You could...

Play I spy

Have a sound  
hunt

Hide sounds in  
a sand pit or  
shredded  
paper

Practise  
writing sounds  
in different  
ways





You could...

On an iPad play  
teach your  
monsters to read

Use the  
flashcards at  
home

Just have fun with phonics :)



# Phonics in the unit

The staff have put on a variety of phonics activities across the unit (Nursery classroom, recording classroom and outdoors) to show you what kinds of things we do here but also what you could try at home.