

Phonics

Parents/ Carers

Here is some information regarding phonic phases and some good games for your child to play on the Ipad.

Phonic Phases:

Each year group in the infants concentrates on a Phonic Phase. These build on each other every year.

Phase 1: All children start with Phase 1 and this is taught in Nursery - this phase concentrates on environmental sounds, orally sounding out skills, rhyme and alliteration.

Phase 2: The first set of sounds are introduced in Reception with the skills to begin to sound out simple words to read and spell.

Phase 3: Taught in Reception. This phase continues to introduce the rest of the letters in the alphabet and then the digraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound, eg ch in chip.)

Phase 4: This is taught in Reception and revised in Year 1. This phase looks at longer words with constant clusters.

Phase 5: Taught in Year 1 and revised in Year2. Phase 5 introduces alternative digraphs, spellings and pronunciations.

Phase 6: Taught in Year 2 - this phase looks at spelling patterns (eg 'ed' in looked; 'ing' in starting; 'un' in untrue etc)

Please don't be tempted to skip ahead to the next year group's phonic phase. The children need to really embed the phase for their year group before they move on.

If you have any questions about phonics, please come and speak to us.

Thank you

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Apps:

Readwithphonics

FREE to download for iPhone and android. The first few levels are free then you need to pay to access the rest. £2.99 per level or £7.99 to unlock all levels.

A fantastic website and app for both parents and children. It gives you lots of information about what phonics is and how it is taught in schools. There are lots of fun interactive games for your child - just make sure they use the correct Phonics Phase.

Reception: Phase 2 now, Phase 3 AFTER Christmas

Year 1: Phase 4 and Phase 5, and Year 1 Screening check practise.

Year 2: Phase 5 revision



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Mr Thorne does Phonics

Fantastic if your child loves using YouTube. There are dozens of videos of Geraldine the Giraffe learning new sounds.

Mr Thorne also does lots of different apps, available for iPad and androids at £1.99

(He also has lots of apps for maths, spellings and reading comprehension)



Phonicsplay (Website)

There are lots of fun and interactive games available, including tricky words. When using the website, there are a few games that are free to play. The subscription is £12 per year. We used to use this in school before we moved to Supersonic Phonics.



Nessy Learning Limited (Apps called Hairy Phonics)

Apps range from free to £2.99. Available for iPhone and android.

Lots of fun activities - we use Nessy in school. Very useful!!

The website also offers a free trial. <https://www.nessy.com/uk/apps/>
Currently a Cyber Monday offer on.



Nessy was originally developed for children with dyslexia, but they have recently developed phonic apps for all children. There's a help page for parents with information regarding dyslexia. Lots of apps for all Phases and tricky words.