

Phonics
Workshop
Phase 2

Phonics Vocabulary

- Phoneme - The smallest single identifiable sound. We hear a phoneme.
- Grapheme - The written representation of a phoneme.
- Blending - Recognising the letter sounds in a word and merging or blending the sounds together in the order to pronounce the word (e.g. c-u-p makes cup)
- Segmenting - To split up a word into individual phonemes to in order to spell it. (e.g. ship has three phonemes sh-i-p)
- Digraph - Two letters together that make one sound.
- Tricky word - A word that cannot be decoded. However, some tricky words (e.g. out) become decodable as we learn harder sounds.

What sounds are in Phase 2?

- In Phase 2, the children are introduced to the first 23 sounds. It is vital that the children use 'pure' sounds.
- In Letters and Sounds, the sounds are introduced one at a time and there are 5 sets of sounds.
- Set 1 - s, a, t, p
- Set 2 - i, n, m, d
- Set 3 - g, o, c, k
- Set 4 - ck, e, u, r
- Set 5 - h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss

Getting started - Set 1 -3

- As the children are introduced to the sounds they will start to blend the sounds together to form words.
- The children will also start to work through the Phase 2 high frequency words.
- Children will start to be introduced to the concept of sound buttons.
- Sound buttons are designed to help the children identify the graphemes in words. A dot under a letter shows us that the one letter is making one sound.

c a t

Set 4 and 5

- Once children reach set four and five, they will be introduced to 4 digraphs (ck, ff, ll and ss).
- A digraph is represented by a line under the two letters, showing us that the two letters are only making one sound.

b a c k
• • —

h i s s
• • —

f u s s
• • —

- The children will also be introduced to the phase 2 tricky word.

High Frequency and Tricky words

- Throughout each phase, the children will be introduced to a range of tricky and high frequency words.
- Tricky words are words that cannot be decoded and are often shown in the colour red.
- High Frequency words and words children will encounter frequently when they are reading and writing so it is vital the children can confidently identify these.

There are 25 high frequency words and
6 tricky words.

a	an	as	at	if	in
is	it	of	off	on	can
dad	had	back	and	get	big
him	his	not	got	up	mum
but	the	to	I	no	go
into					