

Phonics
Workshop
Phase 3

Phonics Vocabulary

- The children will continue to use the vocabulary mentioned in our last workshop.
- As well as identifying digraphs (two letters making one sound) the children will now be introduced to trigraphs (three letters making one sound)

What sounds are in Phase 3?

- By the time the children reach phase 3, they should be able to confidently blend and segment words containing the 19 letters taught in phase 2.
- Over the course of Phase 3, the children will be introduced to 25 new graphemes.
- Set 6 - j, v, w, x
- Set 7 - y, z, zz, qu
- Consonant digraphs - ch, sh, th, ng
- Vowel digraphs/trigraphs - ai, ee, igh, oa, oo and oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure and er.

Sounds to note

As the children progress through the phase, there are certain sounds that can be said in different ways or have particular rules to help us remember them.

- 'qu' - When learning this sound, children are told we never see a 'q' without a 'u' so its always a digraph.
- 'th' - Sounds very similar to 'f' and 'ff' so we make sure our tongue sticks out when we say the sounds. We can also say it two different ways - 'this' and 'that'.
- 'oo' - Can be pronounced long like 'moon' or short like 'book'.
- 'ur' and 'er' - Are both pronounced the same, however 'er' is normally found at the end of words whereas 'ur' can be found anywhere.

Using sound buttons

- During our daily phonics lessons, children are always encouraged to put sound buttons on their words to reinforce the sounds.
- When identifying a trigraph, we underline the three letters making the one sound. (igh, ear, air and ure)

queen •

chair

box
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cure
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High Frequency and Tricky words

- During phase 3, the children will be introduced to 12 new tricky words and 12 high frequency words.
- They should continue to go over and revise the phase 2 tricky and high frequency words.

will	that	this	then	them	with
see	for	now	down	look	too
he	she	be	we	me	was
you	they	all	are	my	her*

*initially 'her' is a tricky word until the children learn the 'er' sound.

The alphabet

- At the end of phase 3, the children will learn the alphabet.
- While most children will already have some idea about the alphabet, it is important that children say 'z' correctly and they know its 'l', 'm', 'n', 'o' and 'p'.