

Phonics  
Workshop  
Phase 4

# Phonics Vocabulary

- As well as identifying digraphs (two letters making one sound) the children will now be introduced to trigraphs (three letters making one sound)
- Syllables - A single unbroken sound, they are different from phonemes.

# What is Phase 4?

- In Phase 4, no new graphemes are introduced. The main aim of this phase is to consolidate the children's knowledge and to help them learn to read and spell longer words.
- During phase 4 children will encounter  
CVCC words - band, tent, sand, sixth, chimp, paint.  
CCVC words - stop, twin, frog, spark, growl.  
CCVC words - crunch, drench, shrink, thrust.  
Polysyllabic words - shampoo, sandpit, treetop.

# Phase 3 sounds

- 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.

# Consonant blends

While no new sounds are introduced, the words the children will encounter will have two or three consonants together. While these are NOT digraphs or trigraphs, we often look at some blends as they can be confused for digraphs and trigraphs.

- **dr** - Often confused for 'j'. E.g. dress, drain, drip.
- **tr** - Often confused for 'ch'. E.g. tree, tramp, trip, trick
- **nk** - often confused for 'ng' 'k'. E.g. Pink, think, rink, sink.

# Syllables

- As part of Phase 4, children will look at polysyllabic words. When decoding or writing longer words it can help children to break them down into syllables.
- We introduce syllables by getting the children to clap the syllables in their names.

tree|top

chim|pan|zee

star|light

# High Frequency and Tricky words

- During phase 4, the children will be introduced to 14 new tricky words and 6 high frequency words.
- They should continue to go over and revise the phase 2 and 3 tricky and high frequency words.

went	it's	children	just	help	from
said	have	like*	so	do	some
come	were	there	little	one	when*
out*	what				

\* Are tricky words during phase 4, but can be decoded in phase 5.