



Phonics and reading in a nutshell






*Phonics is a way of teaching children how to read and write.

*Written letter(s) = sound.

*There are 44 main sounds in the English language.

*Phonics is taught in 5 phases using 'Essential Letters and Sounds'.



<p>Phase 1 Developing speaking and listening skills through games, rhymes, songs and oral blending.</p> <p>Nursery/Preschool/EYFS</p>	<p>Phase 2 s a t p i n m d g o c k c k e u r s s s h b f f l l l</p>  <p>Year R</p>	<p>Phase 3 j v w x y z z z q u c h s h t h n g a i e e i g h o a o o a r o r u r o w o i e a r a i r u r e u r</p>  <p>Year R</p>
<p>Phase 4 No new sounds are taught – fluency of word reading and spelling is the focus.</p> <p>Year R</p>	<p>Phase 5 new graphemes and alternative pronunciations</p>  <p>Year 1 (Year R have opportunity to start phase 5 in the Summer Term)</p>	

*Daily reading with a 'matched' book is vital – read and reread the book during the week to develop fluency of sounds and whole words (sight word reading).

*Listen to your child read every day or at least 20 times a month (add the reads into your reading log).

*Reading stories *to* your child so they can develop an interest in books and a love of stories and non-fiction books – these are the 'books of interest' your child will bring home.

* Read anything – street signs, leaflets that pop through your door, labels in shops, the subtitles on TV, recipes and ingredient lists on packages; our daily lives are filled with text which creates plenty of opportunity to practise our reading skills.

Great websites and apps to support phonics and reading:

☺ Phase 1 ideas: <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideMBC/media/education/VS-Phase-1-Games-to-Play-at-Home.pdf> 

☺ Listen to spot on pronunciation of phase 2 and 3 sounds:

<https://www.glenfieldschool.co.uk/page/?title=Phonics&pid=1430> 

☺ Oxford owl e-book library – use your child's log in to access matched books 

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

☺ Teach your monster to read <https://www.teachyourmonster.org/> 

☺ ICT games <https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/literacy.html> 

☺ Stories to listen to or read along by popping the subtitles on: <https://storylineonline.net/> 

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/> 

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories> 



If you read just **one** book a day to your child, they will have been read **1825** books by their 5th birthday.

Every Day Counts.
Every Book Counts.

When children have a home library, as little as **20** books of their own, they achieve **3 more years** of schooling than children who don't have any books at home.

Read **20 minutes** a day and you'll read **1,800,000** words per year.

Children learn **4,000 to 12,000** words per year through reading.

READING FOR **6 MINUTES A DAY** REDUCES STRESS BY 68%.