Welcome to the YR

phonics

Workshop

Aims

- What is Phonics?
- How do children learn to read and write?
- How can I support my child at home?

Phonics is a method of teaching reading and writing. Children are taught initially to differentiate between environmental sounds and then to identify rhyme. Children then begin to learn to read letter sounds and then practice blending sounds together to read whole words and segmenting words for spelling.

Teaching communication skills!

- Looking at the speaker
- Developing eye contact
- Waiting for a turn to talk
- Understanding and remembering what the speaker has said
- Responding with comments and questions

Teaching of Phonics

- Phonics is taught through Early Years, Year One and Year Two.
- Split into phases – Phase 1,2,3,4 are covered in EY
- Phase 4 is consolidated and phase 5 is taught in Year 1
- Year 2 the focus becomes spelling and consolidation of previous years

Phase 1

Encourages children to listen carefully and talk extensively about what children can hear, see and do.

- **Environmental sounds**
- **Instrumental sounds**
- **Body percussion**
- **Rhythm and rhyme**
- **Alliteration**
- **Voice Sounds**
- **Oral blending and segmenting**

Blending

Blending sounds together to read words.

's-a-t = sat'

Use your robot arms to read the word

's-a-t'

1. Stand up with both arms by your side
2. Read the first sound 's' - move one arm
3. Read the second sound 'a' - move one arm
4. Read the last sound 't' - move one arm
5. Blend the sounds together by saying them quickly and read the word. 's-a-t' Put your hands by your side.

Segmenting

Breaking words apart to spell words.

Say the word aloud. Use robot arms to break it down into individual sounds.

Sat = s-a-t

Phase 2/3…..Learning the lingo

A **phoneme** is the smallest unit of sound in a word.
e.g. "cat" = has 3 phonemes (sounds) c / a / t.

A **grapheme** is the letter that represents the phoneme.
e.g. the symbol which is read

A **digraph** is 2 letters which make one sound
e.g. sh as in ship

A **trigraph** is 3letters which make one sound
e.g. air as in hair

Phase 2

Teaches 19 phonemes/sounds. These are pure sounds. Teaches children to orally blend/segment simple words using these sounds.

<u>Sounds covered each week will be put in your child's yellow reading diary.</u>

• **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**

Phase 3

Introduces children to remaining single sounds and digraphs and trigraphs

j, q, v, w, x, y, z

ch sh th ng ai ee igh oa oo
ar or ur ow oi ear
air ure er

High Frequency Words and Tricky Words

Tricky words

Phase 2 –

I, no, go, to, the

Phase 3 –

He, she, me, we, be, was, my, her, they, all

High Frequency Words

- Words that appear most commonly in text
- Some decodable, some not
- Useful to learn to sight read
- Taught in phonics and sent home weekly

How to support your child at home?

Early phonic skills

- Play I-spy (Initial sound!)
- Sing nursery rhymes (Rhyming and alliteration)
- Read rhyming books and play rhyming games
- Play Simon Says like a robot to support blending and segmenting
- Recognising words with the same initial sound
- Comment on text in the environment and go hunting for new letters or tricky words
- Encourage mark making

Make reading fun!

- Read your child a bedtime story every night
- Listen to your child read as often as possible and encourage them to talk about the book.
- Re-read books!
- Use Bug Club
- Help them to practice key words using games
- Seek other reading materials which interest your child to go alongside school resources. Comics, magazines and the Internet
- Encourage your child to read letters/words in the environment. e.g. registration number plates, road signs and food labels.

When looking at a book with your child…

- Use the pictures as clues
- Guess what might happen next
- Remember what has already happened
- Add in speech for characters
- Re-read for fluency and expression
- Play I-spy for initial sound and blending
- Support letter recognition and blending

What is Bug Club?

- An online reading programme that the school use to help teach reading
- Your child has a personalised log in which has been shared on their Tapestry account
- Carefully graded eBooks – read alongside school books

- Children will be allocated the books that contain the sounds we have taught each week. Your child's reading diary will tell you which are your child's focus books for the week.

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Why are we using eBooks?

- Children can enjoy reading books onscreen and completing fun quiz questions found in the eBooks
- The quiz questions will help the children practise their reading skills
- The eBooks are also audio-books, so children can enjoy hearing an expressive reading of the book

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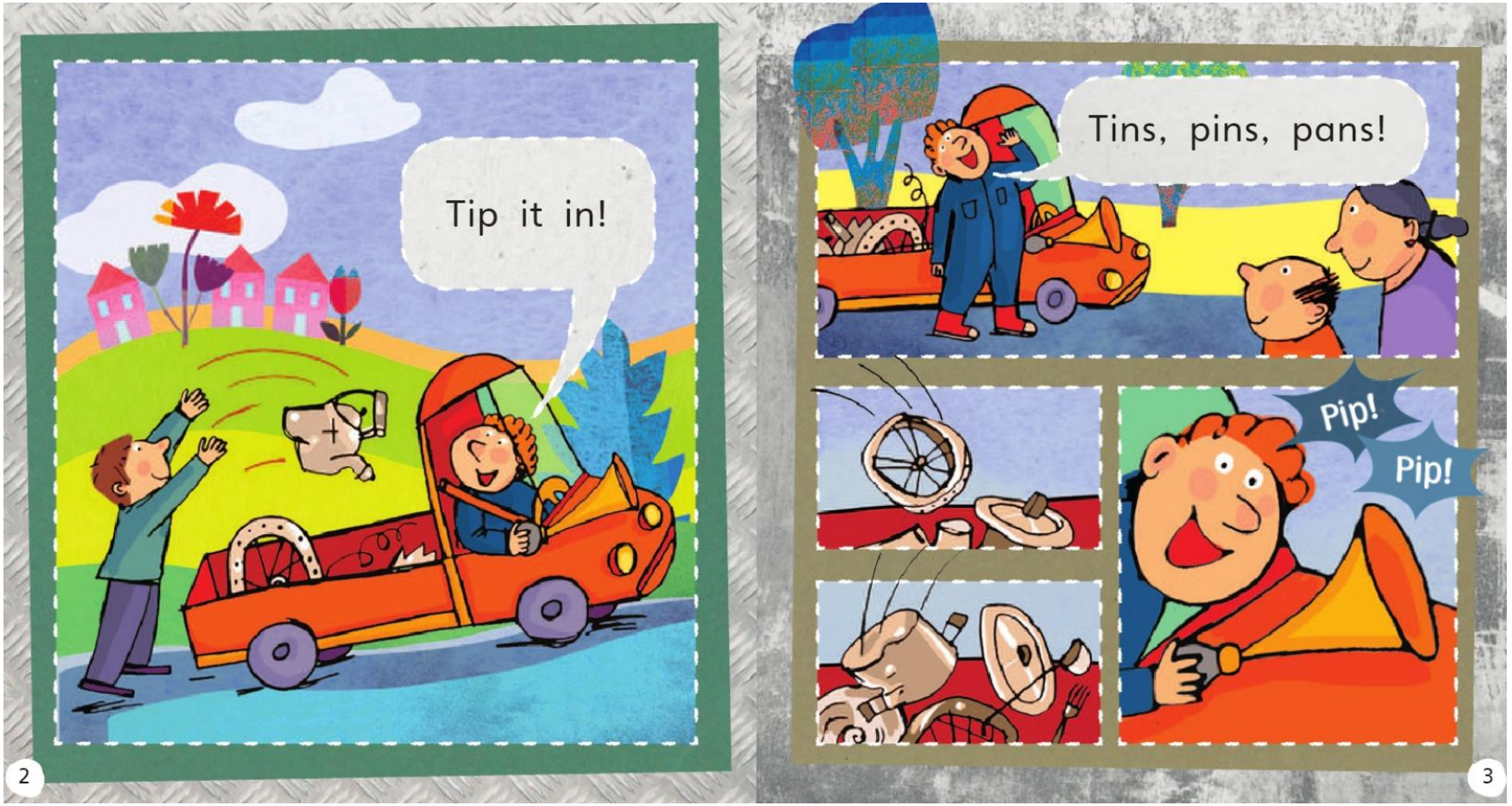
How to read a phonics book



Bug Notes

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Comics for Phonics is designed to be fun and motivating – giving children the opportunity to apply their phonics learning at each Phase. The following notes are provided to help you support children as they learn to read.

This book practises the following sounds
(the / / marks indicate the sound rather than the letter):

Sounds

/h/ (as in hiss)
/b/ (as in biff)
/f/ (as in fell and puff)
/l/ (as is help and hill)
/s/ (as in kiss)

Please Note

At this level, the following words are tricky:

I
Into

Point out the tricky bit of the word (for example, the 'o' sounds /oo/ in the word 'into') and then blend the rest.

Blending

Say the sounds from left to right (h-i-ss). Then blend them together to say the word (hiss).

Segmenting

Say a word (help). Segment the sounds all through the word (h-e-l-p). Write the letters that stand for each sound.

Bug Time fun is on the back page!

Using Bug Club

- Every week your child will be given a specific book to read on Bug Club, alongside their home reading book
- This matches their current phonics sounds so it is really important they are read at home too
- If you struggle with Bug Club PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Resources you can access online

Pure Sounds
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwJx1NSineE

Phonics Play
http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/

Cbeebies – Alphablocks series on iPlayer

Tricky Words songs on YouTube

Bug Club -https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0