

Letters & Sounds



Phase 2



In Phase 2 we learn 19 phonemes (letter sounds) and their corresponding graphemes (letter shape) are taught. We blend sounds together to make words, segment words into their separate sounds and begin to read simple captions.

To help your child at home, you could:

- Find objects that begin with the phonemes currently being taught.
- Look out for the grapheme on road signs or in books.
- Talk about the beginning and final sounds in simple 3 letter words e.g. hat, pin.
- Play 'I spy'
- Make word cards and encourage your children to find these in books.

Glossary

During the phonics lessons at Eastchurch, we use all the correct terminology with the children. Here is a handy glossary to help you.

Phoneme - is the smallest unit of sound. For example: there are three phonemes in the word *sit* *s-i-t*.

Grapheme - is the written representation of a sound.

Blend - to draw individual sounds together to pronounce a word, e.g. *s-n-a-p*, blended together, reads *snap*

Segment - to split up a word into its individual phonemes in order to spell it, e.g. the word '*cat*' has three phonemes: *c-a-t*.

Digraph - two letters making one sound eg: *sh* or *ch*.

Split digraph - two letters, split, making one sound, e.g. *a-e* as in *ma ke* or *i-e* in *si te*

Vowel - the letters *a,e,i,o,u*.

Consonants - The remaining letters of the alphabet.

Phonemes

It is important that we say the sounds correctly and to help with this you could watch the following video.

<http://phonicbooks.wordpress.com/2011/03/13/how-to-say-the-sounds-of-letters-in-synthetic-phonics/>

Sounds	Words you can read or look for in books
s a t p	sat pat tap
i n m d	sit tip pip tip man mat map sad dip
g o c k	pig dig gas gap cat cot cap cod kid kit
ck e u r	pack sack pick sick pick pet ten pen peg rug rat rip rim
h b f l	hot hut hop hit bad beg bus bat lap leg fit fat fog
ll ff ss	less hiss mess boss kiss huff Biff puff doll sell tell bell

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

Games to play at home with magnetic letters or letters on card:

- Cut up all the word cards and have a sound hunt! How many sounds can we find in a minute?
- Give your child a selection of letters and make some words together. Blend these words to read them as follows: c-a-t makes cat.
- Ask your child to make you some words using the word cards.
- Give your child 6 word cards and play Bingo - can the child find the words you are saying?
- Look at some of the sounds - can the child find objects that begin with that phoneme?

On the school website there is a set of card with words on that you can use all the above ideas with.