

Letters and Sounds

Phase Three Parent Information.

Children entering Phase Three will know around 19 letters and be able to **blend phonemes** to read **VC words** and **segment** VC words to spell. While many children will be able to read and spell **CVC words**, they all should be able to blend and segment CVC words orally.

The purpose of Phase Three is to teach another 25 **graphemes**, most of them comprising of two letters (e.g. oa), so that the children can represent each of the 42 **phonemes** by a **grapheme**. Children will continue to practise CVC blending and segmenting and will apply their knowledge of blending and segmenting to reading and spelling simple **two-syllable words** and **captions**. They will learn the letter names during this phase, some more **tricky words** and also begin to learn to spell some of these words.

Letter sounds that will be learned

Set 6	j v w x
Set 7	y z and zz qu

Grapheme	Example word	Grapheme	Example word
ch	<i>chip</i>	ar	<i>farm</i>
sh	<i>shop/wish</i>	or	<i>for</i>
th	<i>thin/then</i>	ur	<i>hurt</i>
ng	<i>ring</i>	ow	<i>cow</i>
ai	<i>rain</i>	oi	<i>coin</i>
ee	<i>feet</i>	ear	<i>dear</i>
igh	<i>night</i>	air	<i>fair</i>
oa	<i>boat</i>	ure	<i>sure</i>
oo	<i>boot/look</i>	er	<i>corner</i>

Tricky words to read

he, she, we, me, be, was, my, you, they, her, all, are

Tricky words to spell

the, to, no, go

100 high-frequency words in phases

Phase Three

Decodable words

will	see
that	for
this	now
then	down
them	look
with	too

Tricky words

he	you
she	they
we	all
me	are
be	my
was	her

Please refer to the **Glossary** for an explanation of key terms.