

### Teaching of phonics-

Feedback from our recent reading meeting suggested that many parents wanted more knowledge of how we teach phonics in school. Here is a helpful guide to show what children learn in phonics.

Phonics is taught daily in school for 20 minutes. Phonics is split into phases, starting with phase 1 and continuing to phase 6. Children start in phase 1 in Nursery. This handout has been designed to help you see a simple overview of what your child is learning in phonics at the moment.

### Phase 4

By the time children reach phase 4, they will have already learnt the following sounds and should be confident at recognising these in words.

s-sat	a-ant	t-tap	p-pin	i-it
n-net	m-mat	d-did	g-got	o-of
c-cat	k-kit	ck-kick	e- bet	u- but
r-rat	h-hen	b-big	f,ff- fat, puff	l, ll-let, bell
ss- less	j-jet	v-van	w-wet	x- text
z- zip	zz- buzz	qu-quit	ch-chip	sh-shop
th- thin/then	ng-ring	ai-rain	ee- feet	igh- night
oa- boat	oo-boot	ar-farm	or-for	ur-hurt
ow-cow	oi-coin	ear-dear	air- fair	ure-sure
er-corner	y-yet			

In phase 4, children move on to practise writing cvc words and cvcc words using sounds that are in the above chart.

They also look at further sounds. They have to recognise the above sounds and the new sounds in the chart below, in made up words e.g. s-o-sp. Here are some examples:

nd	sp	mp	st	nt
nk	sp	ft	ch	ng
cr	fr	fl	cl	bl
pl	pr	gl	tw	tr
gr	br			

The key words for phase 4 are:

said	so	have	like	some
come	were	there	little	one
do	when	out	what	

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