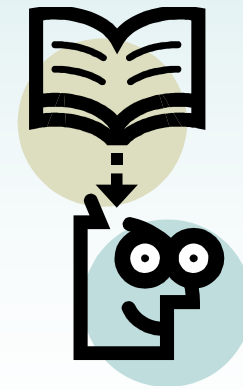




Learning to
read.



What is Phonics?

- Science of sounds in speech and the letters used to represent those sounds
- **SYNTHETIC PHONICS** – synthesising (blending) the sounds. Starts with the sounds.

Learning the sounds

46 sounds

26 letters of the alphabet

Plus: long vowels

a = ai ay eigh

e = ee ea ei y

i = ie y igh

o = oa ow

u = ue

Plus digraphs & trigraphs

sh, ch, th/th, ng, or,
oi, ou/ow, er/ur, oo/oo,
ear, air/ear, ar, ure

Very busy "y"

Y - yes

Y (ee)- mummy

Y (ie) - cry

Y (i) - bicycle

How we do it!

- Each sound is introduced with a story, an action and a song
- Daily practice
- Sound books
- Vowels
- Avoid “over sounding”

BLENDING

The process of joining a group of letters together to **read** a word.

- Hear a word when an adult says the separate sounds.
- Hear the sounds while looking at the letters.
- Saying the sounds out loud and then **blend** into a word.
- Reading, hearing and blending sounds inside your head.

Blending enables children to
read a wide range of
phonetically regular words.