

Phase 3 Overview

These are the sounds that the children will be covering in their phonics group.

**j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi,
ear, air, ure, er**

Please help you child by practicing these sounds with them at home.

Children in Phase Three will know around 19 letters and be able to blend phonemes to read VC (vowel/consonant) words and segment VC words to spell. While many children will be able to read and spell CVC (consonant/vowel/consonant) words, they all should be able to blend and segment CVC words orally.

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

These are the **high frequency words** you child is expected to read and write by the end of the phase.

**will, that, this, then, them, with, see, for, now, down, look, too, he, she, we,
me, be, was, you, they, all, are my, her**

It may take some time for your child to work through this phase. Please do not expect them to complete it within a few weeks. As teachers we need to be secure in the understanding that each child can recognise all the phonemes and can apply their phonics to their reading and writing.