Phonics

Workshop for Parents



What is phonics

- * The knowledge and understanding of sounds.
- * Blending and segmenting those sounds in words.
- * Using those phonics skills to fluently and accurately decode words when reading and understanding texts.



How to be a successful reader

- * Two main skills;
- * -phonics; decoding by blending the sounds in words to read them.
- -language comprehension-understand what the word means within the context it appears

Jargon Buster!

- * Phoneme: the smallest unit of sound (t, p, a)
- * Grapheme: the writing symbol that represents the sound
- Digraph: two letters that make one sound (sh, ee)
- Segment: identifying the individual sounds in a word (sh-i-p)
- * Blend: pushing those sounds together to make a word



It's YOUR turn

* I would like you to think about how you would write these "alien" words.

- * Sploosh
- * Tarx
- * Ploid



Why do we teach phonics?

- * Phonics is the main strategy to support word recognition.
- * Teaches children to connect letters of the alphabet to the sounds they make-blending them together from left to right to make a word.
- * Supports children in identifying those indiduvial sounds within words and segmenting them for spelling.



Phonics Groups

- * All children have been revising phase 3 and 4 sounds.
- * In January we will begin introducing children to the phase 5 sounds.
- * Children are also given opportunities to practise and apply their phonics skills in early morning starts, guided reading sessions, handwriting and in their English and topic lessons.

Phonics Games

- * Please have a look on the tables at the phonics games.
- * The children get opportunities to use these to develop their phonics skills.



Phonics Lesson

- * Revisit and review
- Practise previously learned letters
- Practise oral blending and segmentation
- * Teach
- Teach a new letter
- Teach blending and/or segmentation with letters
- Teach one or two tricky words
- * Practise
- Practise reading and/or spelling words with the new letter
- * Apply
- * Read or write a caption (with the teacher) using one or more high frequency
- * words and words containing the new letter
- Assess learning against criteria



Why is it important in year 1?

- * Phonics is essential to develop reading skills.
- * In year 1 there is also a phonics screening check.
- * It is designed to conform whether individual children have learnt sufficient phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

Supporting Phonics through reading

* I am going to demonstrate how you can support your children when they are reading using a few phonics techniques.

Today I skipped to the park. I enjoyed eating a yummy ice-cream.



What Next?

- * Play sound and listening games with your child.
- Practising spellings
- * Reading is the most beneficial way to aid your child with their phonics.



Any Questions?

Thank you

