

Supporting your child with phonics

Churchfields the Village School

Letters and Sounds

All children in KS1 learn phonics through the programme Letters and Sounds. Letters and Sounds is a six phase systematic, synthetic phonics programme designed to help children become fluent readers. Children will work through the six phases, learning the individual phonemes and corresponding letters. These sounds can be blended together to help read and write words.

Pronouncing each sound clearly and accurately is essential. If you would like further information about the correct pronunciation of the sounds, please visit the follow website:

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

The sounds for each phase are split into sets, which you can access by clicking on the relevant phase along the left hand side menu. There are given words for each sound. For example:

ck kick, sock, sack, dock, pick, sick, pack, ticket, pocket

e get, pet, ten, net, pen, peg, met, men, neck

u up, mum, run, mug, cup, sun, tuck, mud, sunset

r rim, rip, ram, rat, rag, rug, rot, rocket, carrot

Phonics play

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Phonics Play is a fun, interactive website that the children use in school to practise and apply what they have learnt in the phonics lesson. You can register for a free account and use at home. It is useful to know what phase your child is on so they can practise the sounds they are currently learning. Please ask your child's class teacher if you are unsure.

iPad apps

There are a range of iPad apps you can purchase or download for free for your child to use on their iPad or tablet. These are a selection of apps we use in school:

Hairy Letters – learn the names and sounds of each letter and play games to build letters into simple words.

Spellosaur – enter the words into the app to learn. These could be words from your child's weekly spelling list and helps practise spelling and correct pronunciation.

Teach Your Monster To Read – a variety of games to help improve reading skills.

Phonics books

Many publishers produce books that can be used alongside phonics teaching and learning. Julia Donaldson's *Songbirds* series is a good starting point if you would like to practise segmenting and blending with your child, using the sounds they have learnt so far. The books contain sounds and words from each of the phonics phases, which can help build confidence and practise reading. We have lots of phonics books available in school which parents are welcome to borrow, as well as being widely available in book shops and online.