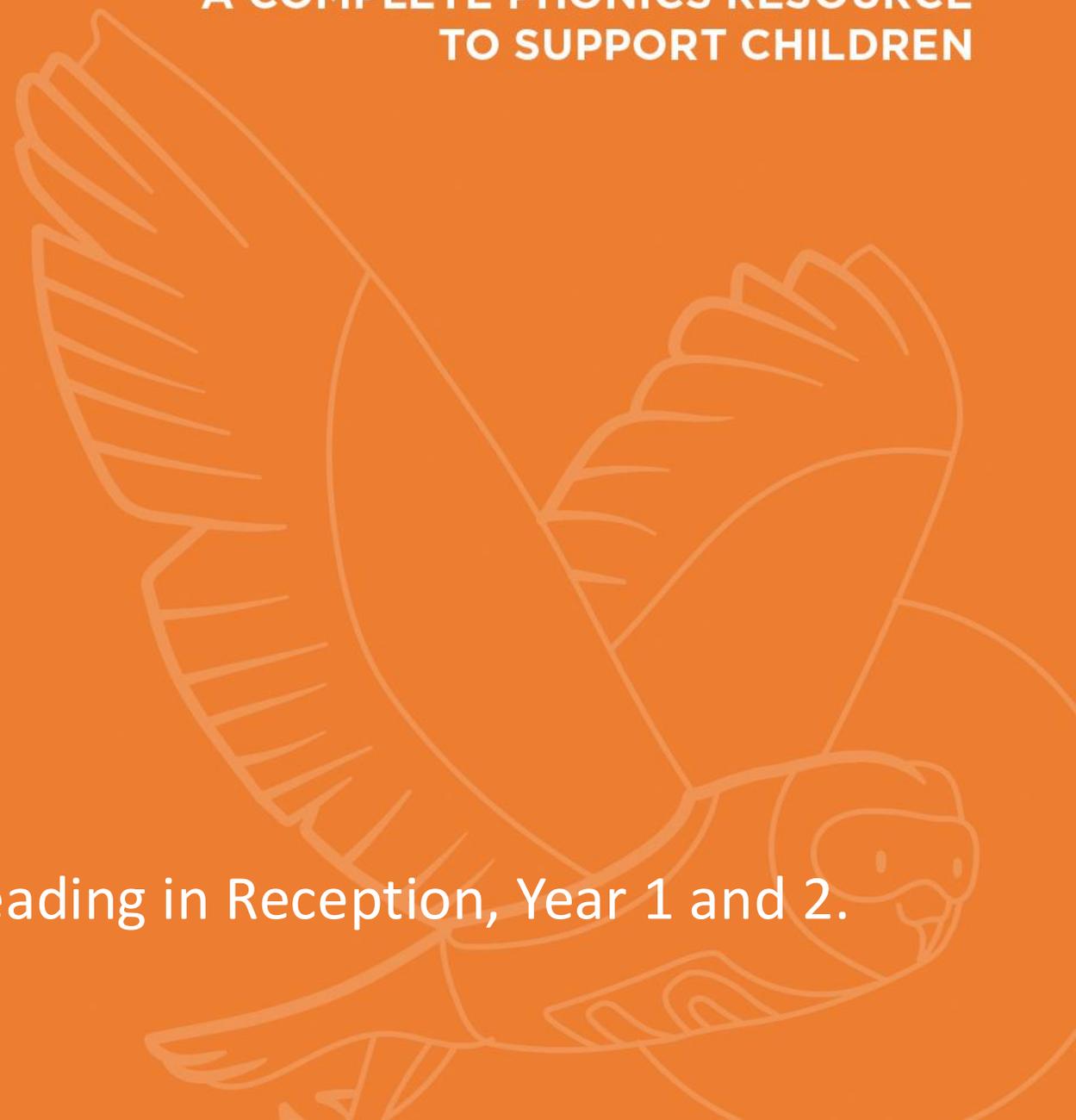




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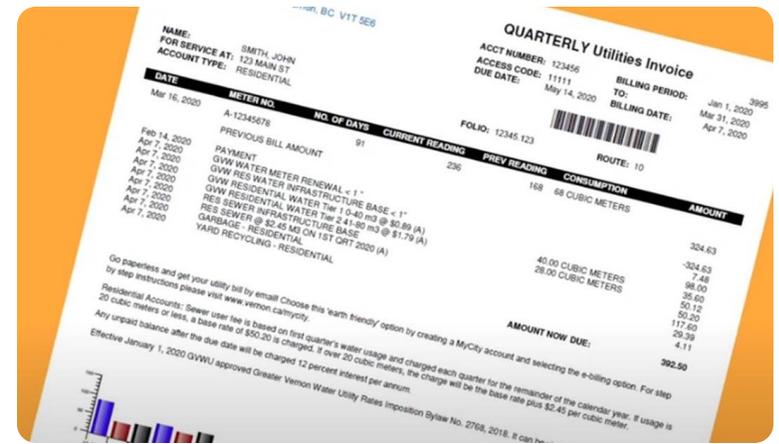


**A love of reading is the biggest indicator  
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# How many times have you already read today?





# Phonics

# Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

Our school has chosen *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* as our Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) programme to teach early reading and spelling.





**Phonics is:**

**making connections between the sounds  
of our spoken words and the letters that  
are used to write them down.**



# Terminology



**Phoneme**

**Grapheme**

**Digraph**

**Trigraph**

**Blend**

**Segment**

# In the Autumn term, your child will learn the Phase 2 phonemes (sounds)



- These are the first group of letters and sounds your child will learn.
- We start teaching from week 2 of Reception.
- The lessons are fun, interactive, engaging and have been designed to gradually build over time.



# We teach Phase 2 in this order

## Phase 2 grapheme information sheet

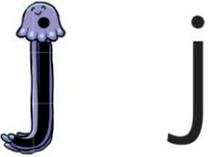
## Autumn 1

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
 s	 snake	Show your teeth and and let the s hiss out <b>ssssss ssssss</b>	Under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.
 a	 astronaut	Open your mouth wide and make the 'a' sound at the back of your mouth <b>a a a</b>	Around the astronaut's helmet, and down into space.
 t	 tiger	Open your lips; put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press <b>t t t</b>	From the tiger's nose to its tail, then follow the stripe across the tiger.
 p	 penguin	Bring your lips together and push them open and say <b>p p p</b>	Down the penguin's back, up and round its head.
 i	 iguana	pull your lips back and make the 'i' sound at the back of your mouth <b>i i i</b>	Down the iguana's body, then draw a dot [on the leaf] at the top.
 n		Open your lips a bit, put your tongue behind your teeth and make the <b>nnnnn</b> sound <b>nnnnn</b>	Down the stick, up and over the net.

- We usually teach four new sounds a week and have a review lesson on a Friday.

## Phase 2 grapheme information sheet

## Autumn 2

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
 j	 jellyfish	Pucker your lips and show your teeth use your tongue as you say <b>j j j</b>	All the way down the jellyfish. Dot on its head.
 v	 volcano	Put your teeth against your bottom lip and make a buzzing <b>vvvv vvvv</b>	Down to the bottom of the volcano, and back up to the top.
 w	 wave	Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say <b>w w w</b>	From the top of the wave to the bottom, up the wave, down the wave, then up again.
 x	 box	Mouth open then push the <b>cs/x</b> sound through as you close your mouth <b>cs cs cs (x x x)</b>	Start at the top, then across to the bottom of the box. Start at the top, then across to the bottom of the box.
		Smile, tongue to the top of your mouth, say <b>y</b> without	Down and round the yo-yo, then follow the string sound

# Let's say the Phase 2 sounds

 s ss	 t tt	 p pp	 n nn	 m mm	 d dd	 g gg	 c k ck cc	 r rr
 h	 b bb	 f ff	 l ll	 j	 v vv	 w	 x	 y
 z zz s	 qu	 ch	 sh	 th	 ng	 nk		
 a	 e	 i	 o	 u				



Phase 2 sounds taught in  
Reception Autumn 1



Phase 2 sounds taught in  
Reception Autumn 2

# We teach blending so your child learns to read

- Teacher-led blending is taught throughout Phase 2.
- Our aim to is to teach every child to blend by Christmas.
- We will inform you if your child needs additional practice.



# Blending to read words



# Tricky words

- These words have unusual spellings e.g. he, the, was.
- They are taught in a systematic way.
- Children learn to read the Phase 2 tricky words in the Autumn term: **is, I, the, put, pull, full, as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me, be.**



# Reading tricky words



# Our progression

- We will work our way through the whole Little Wandle Programme until your child can read fluently.



## Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised 2021: Programme progression

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#### Reception

Autumn 1 Phase 2 graphemes	New tricky words
s a t p i n m d g o c k c k e u r h b f l	is I the

Autumn 2 Phase 2 graphemes	New tricky words
ff ll ss j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng nk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• words with -s /s/ added at the end (hats sits)</li> <li>• words ending -s /z/ (his) and with -s /z/ added at the end (bags)</li> </ul>	put* pull* full* as and has his her go no to into she push* he of we me be

\*The tricky words 'put', 'pull', 'full' and 'push' may not be tricky in some regional pronunciations; in which case, they should not be treated as such.

Spring 1 Phase 3 graphemes	New tricky words
ai ee igh oa oo oo ar or ur ow oi ear air er <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• words with double letters</li> <li>• longer words</li> </ul>	was you they my by all are sure pure

Spring 2 Phase 3 graphemes	No new tricky words
Review Phase 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• longer words, including those with double letters</li> <li>• words with -s /z/ in the middle</li> <li>• words with -es /z/ at the end</li> <li>• words with -s /s/ and /z/ at the end</li> </ul>	Review all taught so far

Summer 1 Phase 4	New tricky words
Short vowels with adjacent consonants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CVCC CCVC CCVCC CCCVC CCCVCC</li> <li>• longer words and compound words</li> </ul>	said so have like some come love do were here little says there when what one out today

#### Year 1

Autumn 1	Review tricky words Phases 2–4
Review Phase 3 and 4 <b>Phase 5</b> /ai/ ay play /ow/ ou cloud /oi/ oy toy /ea/ ea each	Phases 2–4: the put* pull* full* push* to into I no go of he she we me be was you they all are my by sure pure said have like so do some come love were there little one when out what says here today

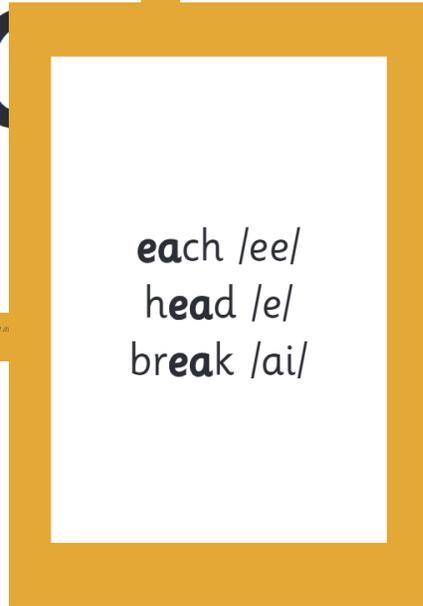
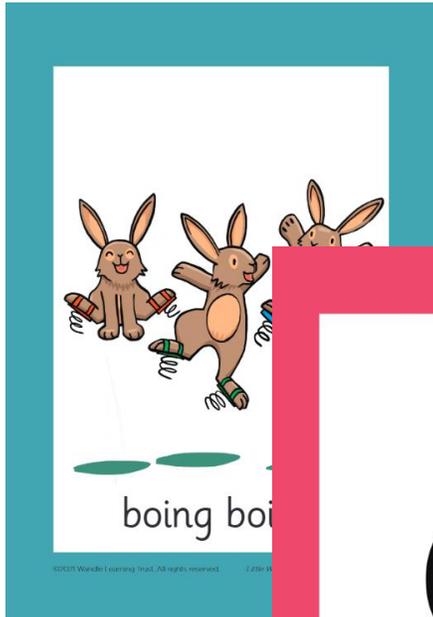
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/url/ ir bird /igh/ ie pie /ool/ /yool/ ue blue rescue /yool/ u unicorn /oal/ o go /igh/ i tiger /ai/ a paper /eel/ e he /ai/ a-e shake /igh/ i-e time /oal/ o-e home /ool/ /yool/ u-e rude cute /eel/ e-e these /ool/ /yool/ ew chew new /eel/ ie shield /orl/ aw claw	their people oh your Mr Mrs Ms ask* could would should our house mouse water want

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Spring 1 Phase 5 graphemes	New tricky words
/eel/ y funny /e/ ea head /w/ wh wheel /oal/ oe ou toe shoulder /igh/ y fly /oal/ ow snow	any many again who whole where two school call different thought through friend work

# How we make learning stick



# In the Spring term we teach Phase 3

In the Autumn term we taught your child to blend and read words with Phase 2 graphemes.

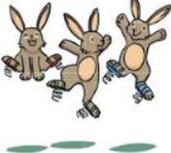


In Phase 3 children learn:

- the vowel digraphs and trigraphs
- to read words containing the Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs
- to read longer words ('chunking').



# Let's say the Phase 3 sounds

 ai	 ee	 igh	 oa	 oo	 oo	 ar
 or	 ur	 er	 ow	 oi	 ear	 air



Phase 3 sounds taught in  
Reception Spring 1

# Phase 3 vowel digraphs and trigraphs

Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase
ai	 tail in the rain	Open your mouth wide and say <b>ai ai ai</b>	oo	 hook a book	Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say <b>oo oo oo</b>
ee	 sheep in a jeep	Smile with your lips apart and say <b>ee ee ee</b>	oo	 zoom to the moon	Open your mouth just a bit, put your hand on your tummy, pull your tummy in and say <b>oo oo oo</b>
igh	 a light in the night	Open your mouth in a relaxed way and say <b>igh igh igh</b>	ar	 march in the dark	Open your mouth wide, push your tongue down and say <b>ar ar ar</b>
oa	 soap that goat	Make an 'o' with your mouth and say <b>oa oa oa</b>	or	 born with a horn	Make an 'o' with your mouth, push your tongue down and say <b>or or or</b>

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Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase
ur	 curl the fur	Open your mouth in a relaxed way, push your tongue down and say <b>ur ur ur</b>	ear	 get near to hear	Smile with your lips apart, push your tongue to your teeth as you say <b>ear ear ear</b>
ow	 wow owl	Open your mouth wide then move your lips together as you say <b>ow ow ow</b>	air	 chair in the air	Open your mouth wide, push your tongue down as you say <b>air air air</b>
oi	 boing boing	Make an 'o' with your mouth then move your lips out as you say <b>oi oi oi</b>	er	 a bigger digger	Open your mouth in a relaxed way, push your tongue down and say <b>ur ur ur</b>

- In Phase 3, each sound has a linking catchphrase so that children can remember the graphemes more easily, e.g. zoom to the moon.



# Reading and spelling

# Spelling



- Your child will be taught how to spell simple words, using the graphemes they have been taught.
- They will practise the correct formation of letters. They will also have handwriting lessons.

## Phase 2 grapheme information sheet

## Autumn 1

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# How do we teach spelling?

- Say the word.
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- Write them down.

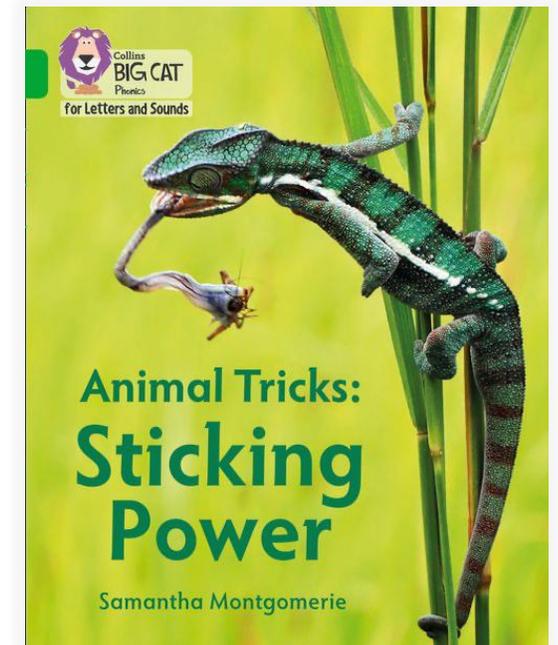
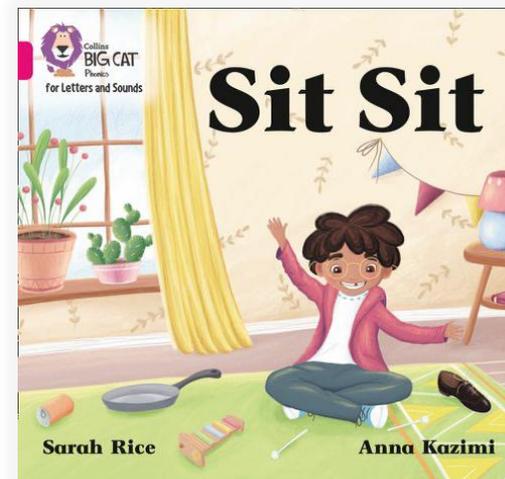
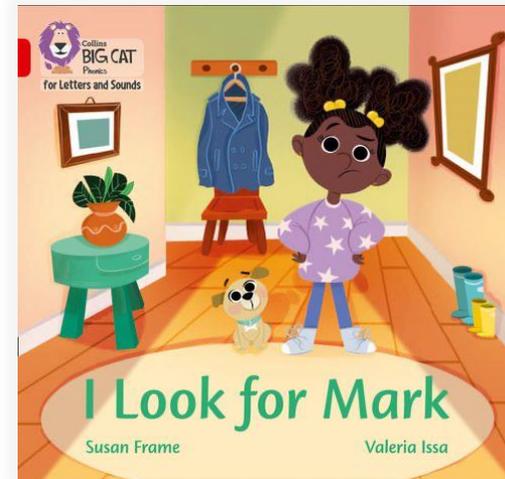


# How do we practise reading in books?

## Reading practice sessions are:

- timetabled three times a week
- taught by a trained teacher/teaching assistant
- taught in small groups
- children in Reception will bring a book home by week 4 of the first half-term.

We also refer to this as Guided Reading



# How do we find the right book for your child?

## Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised Reception Child assessment

### Autumn 1

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s	g	k	u	h
i	t	n	r	f
d	ck	e	b	l

sat    man    hug    red    peck

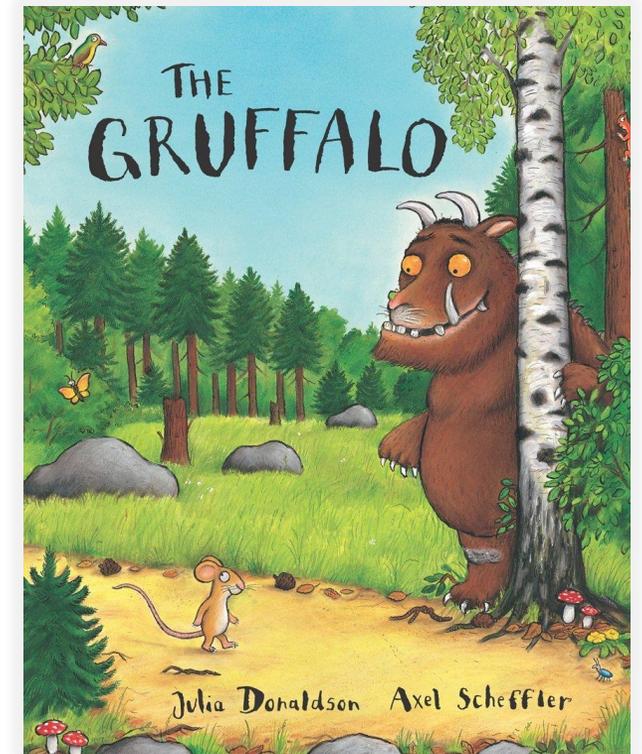
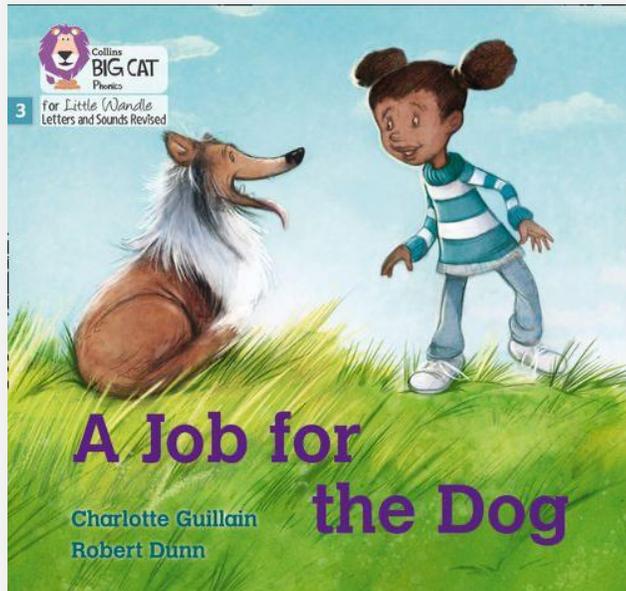


- We assess your child every six weeks to check progress.
- Any child who needs extra support has Daily Keep-up sessions planned for them.



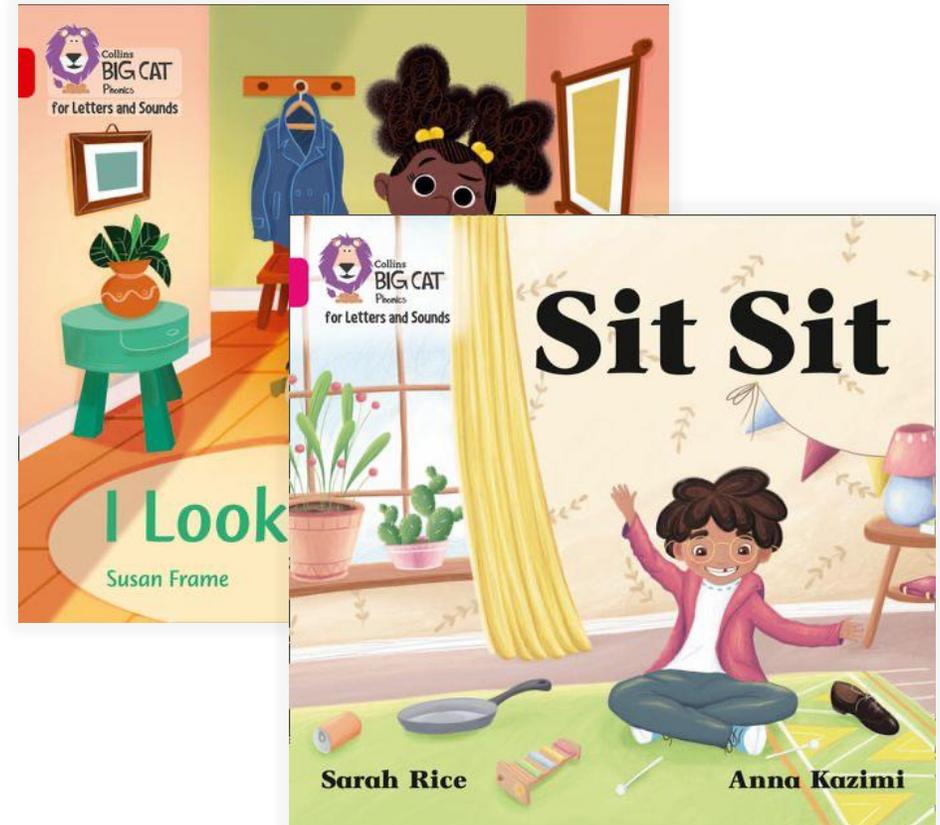
# Reading at home

# Books going home



# Listening to your child read their phonics book

- Your child should be able to read their book without your help.
- They might sound out words and blend them before they read them fluently.
- If they can't read a word, read it to them.
- Talk about the book and celebrate their success.



# Reading wordless books

Wordless books are invaluable as they teach reading behaviours and early reading skills to children who are not blending – yet!

- Talk about the pictures.
- Point to the images in the circles and find them on the page.
- Encourage your child to make links from the book to their experiences.

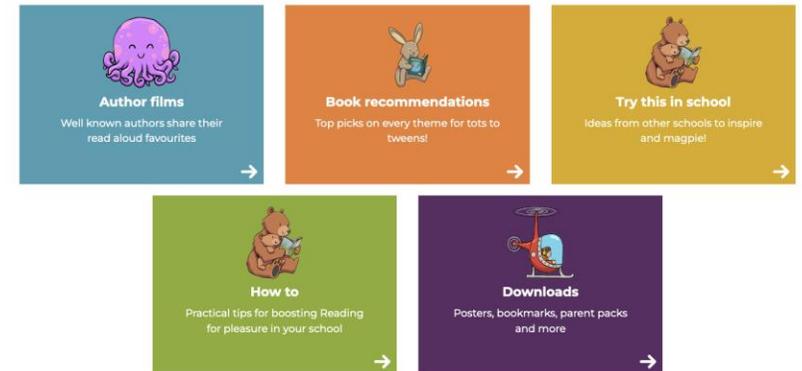


# The most important thing you can do is read with your child

Reading a book and chatting had a positive impact a year later on children's ability to ...

- understand words and sentences
- use a wide range of vocabulary
- develop listening comprehension skills.

The number of books children were exposed to by age 6 was a positive predictor of their reading ability two years later.



[Little Wandle – Everybody read!](#)

# Read to your child



## The shared book is for **YOU** to read:

- Make the story sound as exciting as you can by changing your voice.
- Talk with your child as much as you can:
  - Introduce new and exciting language.
  - Encourage your child to use new vocabulary.
  - Make up sentences together.
  - Find different words to use.
  - Describe things you see.



# Reading words with vowel digraphs/trigraphs

- During Phase 2 we taught your child to blend using the teacher-led blending approach.
- In Phase 3 they can start to blend independently.
- Children are taught to spot the digraph/trigraph in words first.



# Reading longer words

- During Phase 3, we start teaching children how to read longer words.
- We do this using a method called chunking.

Reception  
**Teach and practise**  
Phases 3 and 4:  
Reading longer words

# Phase 3 tricky words

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# What's next?



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Summer 1 Phase 4	New tricky words
Short vowels with adjacent consonants * CVCC CCVC CCVCC CCCVC CCCVCC * longer words and compound words * words ending in suffixes: -ing, -ed /t/, -ed /id/ /ed/, -est	said so have like some come love do were here little says there when what one out today

#### Year 1

Autumn 1	Review tricky words Phases 2-4
Review Phase 3 and 4 <b>Phase 5</b> /ai/ ay play /ow/ ou cloud /oi/ oy toy /ea/ ea each	Phases 2-4: the put* pull* full* push* to into I no go of he she we me be was you they all are my by sure pure said have like so do some come love were there little one when out what says here today

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/url/ ir bird /igh/ ie pie /oo/ /yoo/ ue blue rescue /yoo/ u unicorn /oa/ o go /igh/ i tiger /ai/ a paper /ee/ e he /ai/ a-e shake /igh/ i-e time /oa/ o-e home /oo/ /yoo/ u-e rude cute /ee/ e-e these /oo/ /yoo/ ew chew new /ee/ ie shield /orl/ aw claw	their people oh your Mr Mrs Ms ask* could would should our house mouse water want

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/ee/ y funny /el/ ea head /w/ wh wheel /oa/ oe ou toe shoulder /igh/ y fly /oa/ ow snow	any many again who whole where two school call different thought through friend work

- After Easter, the children will begin Phase 4, where they will learn to read words containing adjacent consonants (words with two or more consonants next to each other).
- These include two adjacent consonants e.g. drip, jump, or three adjacent consonants e.g. strap, strong.
- Children continue to have a review of the week on Fridays to secure the new learning earlier in the week.
- Tricky words are taught alongside this.



# Reading and spelling

# Summer term's spelling

- Your child will be taught how to spell words every day using the graphemes they have been taught so far.
- They will practise writing a dictated sentence.
- Handwriting is referred to but is taught at other times of the day.



# How we teach spelling – a recap

- Say the word.
- Segment the sounds.
- Count the sounds.
- Write them down.

e.g. boot, tail, teeth



# Reading a book at the right level

## This means that your child should:

- know all the sounds and tricky words in their phonics book well
- read some of the words by silent blending (in their head), so their reading becomes automatic
- stop and sound out some words by the time they bring the book home – but they should be able to do this on their own.





- *Whilst your child is learning Phase 3 GPCs they will be reading a Phase 2 book – as these books are at their level of security.*
- *Once they have secured the Phase 3 GPCs and read them in words confidently, they will read a Phase 3 book.*
- *In these books we encourage them to ‘blend in their heads’. This is a strategy that helps children to become fluent readers.*
- *Blending in your head means children say the sounds quietly in their heads and then read the whole word out loud. Eventually, this will become automatic and children can read words that they know fluently.*
- *We will always communicate with you if we feel that your child is not blending accurately enough yet and needs additional support.*



**“One of the greatest gifts adults can  
give is to read to children.”**

**- Carl Sagan**

(Astronomer and planetary scientist)





**“Children are made readers on  
the laps of their parents.”**

**— Emilie Buchwald**

(Author, editor and non-profit publisher)

