

# Phonics

Why is Phonics so important?

Phonics has been proven scientifically to be one of the most effective ways to teach children to read. Phonics teaches children how to decode letters into their respective sounds, a skill that is essential for them to read unfamiliar words by themselves. It is essential that our approach to teaching phonics and reading is accessible to all learners, regardless of their background.

How is phonic development supported at Cheadle Catholic Junior School?

We believe that all our children can become fluent readers and writers.

We support children in build on their growing knowledge of the alphabetic code, mastering phonics to read and spell following the wonderful work started at Cheadle Catholic Infant School. [Phonics at CCIS](#)

Upon transfer from the infant school into year 3, there is specific liaison between staff. Pupils are assessed against the Read write Inc Assessment materials and interventions around any gaps in phonics are put in place here at the junior school so that they can catch up quickly. This might be whole class or small groups depending on outcomes of assessments.

Decodable texts and reading books play a vital role in reinforcing phonics teaching

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- **Here at Cheadle Catholic Junior School, we build upon the Read WriteInc (RWI) programme used at the Infant School.**
- **This is a sequenced and structured synthetic approach to teaching phonics, with writing aspects included.**

# How does it work?

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## Children:

- Learn 44 sounds and matching letters/ letter groups
- Learn to blend sounds to read words

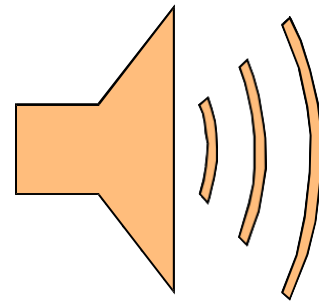
**Learning to identify sounds (phonemes) and blend them together is called decoding.**

# Sounds

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**All words are made up of sounds**

**In English there are 44**



Sound Pronunciation Guide

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

# Graphemes

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- **A grapheme is a sound written down**
- **English has more than 150 graphemes**
- **There are more than 150 ways to represent the 44 sounds using our 26 alphabet letters**
- **A complex code!**

# The complex English alphabetic code

## Consonants: stretch

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz	ti		nk
ph	le	mb	kn	wr	se		s	ci		
					c					
					ce					

## Consonants: bounce

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
bb	k	dd	gg		g	pp		tt	wh			tch
	ck				ge							
	ch											

## Vowels

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea				ā-e	y	ī-e	ō-e
					ai	ea	ie	oa
						e	i	o

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy	ire	ear	ure
ū-e			oor	are	ur	ow	oi			
ue			ore		er					
ew			aw							
			au							

# Learning the code

Children learn a simple code first

## Simple Speed Sounds chart

*Consonants: stretchy*

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng	nk
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*Consonants: bouncy*

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
	k											

*Vowels: bouncy*

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
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*Vowels: stretchy*

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oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy
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**Consonants: stretchy**

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
										nk

**Consonants: bouncy**

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
	k											

**Vowels: bouncy**

a	e	i	o	u

**Vowels: stretchy**

ay	ee	igh	ow

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy

Set 1 sounds

Set 2 sounds

# Building on Foundations in Year 1 and Year 2

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- **Most children will have completed the RWI phonics programme by the end of Year 1.**
- **Children who would still benefit from the programme in Year 2 can continue this in the early part of Year 2.**
- **Those still not secure by the end of Year 2 are supported with targeted intervention work into Year's 3 and 4.**

# How to help your child at home...

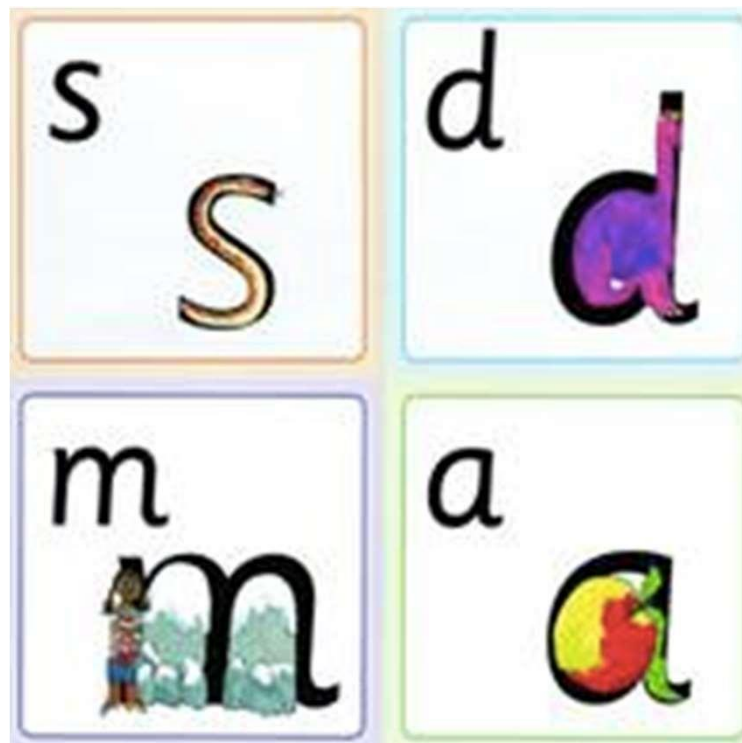
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You can practice pronouncing sounds.

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Remember no 'fuh' and 'luh'!



# Reading books home

- Books will be sent home to be shared with your child.
- They will match the sounds your child would be learning in the classroom and are 'decodable'.



# So how can you help your child?

- By knowing the 44 sounds

Simple Speed Sounds

Consonant sounds - strictly												
f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng	nk	
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b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
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- By knowing how to blend for reading m\_a\_t

# And.

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**By reading to your child lots of lovely stories and asking lots of questions!**

**Use these prompts to help you:**



What do you think happens next?

What is that character thinking?

What is the character saying?

What do you think that character is feeling now?