

Welcome to...



Read 'n' Rave

An interactive phonics workshop for parents and carers 26/11/24

Aims of today's workshop:

- Understand why and how we teach phonics to help children learn to read
- Know how to pronounce the sounds accurately
- Know how to segment and blend words
- Take away some hints and tips for supporting your child with their reading

Opportunity to ask questions



Did you know...

READING SUPPORTS CHILDREN TO...

Develop better mental wellbeing, social skills and strong relationships



They feel more secure and develop deep bonds



They have healthy routines and habits



They have better social and emotional skills



They have better mental wellbeing and self esteem

Did you know...

Reading encompasses 85% of the curriculum? It's not just about phonics lessons!

What does phonics look like at Woodloes?

To effectively teach a child to read, research tells us to teach using phonics. Phonics teaches the relationship between the letter/s and the sound that is made.

We are a 'Bug Club' school. This scheme is in line with the expectations of the Early Years Framework and the National Curriculum for Key Stage 1. The sounds/phonemes are split into Phases, with the most common phonemes being taught first in Phase 2.

Nursery and continued in Reception: Phase 1 Reception: Phase 2, 3 and 4 Year 1: Phase 5 Year 2 Autumn term: end of Phase 5 and Phase 6



Phase 1

Reception

During the Reception year, children learn Phase 2 and 3 sounds. When ready, they move on to Phase 4 which is a consolidation phase.

Children learn a new sound or 'phoneme' each day and an action to go with it.



Year 1

Year 1 usually starts with Phase 2, 3 and 4 revision and then quickly moved on to focus on learning alternate ways to represent phonemes.

Eg. 'ay' can also be written as 'ey', 'ei', 'eigh' and 'ai'



Some children may require additional practice of Phase 2 and 3 before moving on to Phase 5.

How to say the sounds

It is really important that we model the correct pronunciation of the sounds. We do learn the alphabet, however the alphabet teaches the letter names, not the sounds.

Top Tips

- Keep your pronunciation short. Don't say 'uh' at the end ie. 's' not 'suh'. This could be confusing for your child if they hear shuh-o-puh rather than sh-o-p
- Use the sounds, not the alphabet letter names
- Encourage your child to look at your mouth if they
- are finding it tricky

Your Turn!



Practice saying the sounds accurately, being careful not to say 'uh' at the end of each phoneme.

Everyday Vocabulary

This language is used every day, so we encourage you to use the same vocabulary at home.

- **Phoneme** the smallest unit of sound we can hear 'sh' 'o' 'p'
- **Grapheme** the letter/s used to represent the phoneme
- Digraph two letters make one sound/phoneme 'sh'
- Segment say the sounds separately sh-o-p "Use your robot arms"





shop









dish

Tricky Words

'Tricky words' are words which cannot be decoded using segmenting and blending.

Eg. the some of

At school we teach children that not all words follow the same pattern. We teach them why the word is tricky

Eg. 'of' is a tricky word because the 'f' makes the 'v' sound

We just have to learn them!

Top Tips

My child can segment but finds it hard to blend

Tips:

- Incorporate segmenting and blending into every day tasks and play by modelling it yourself 'Can you put on your c-oa-t? Please can you pass the b-r-i-ck-s?'
- Make reading part of your daily routine eg. before bed/after breakfast etc
- Play games like 'I spy with my little eye' using phonemes rather than letter names
- Model segmenting and blending in slow motion
- Model using robot arms for segmenting words
- My turn your turn
- Your child will only be able to attempt segmenting and blending in their allocated reading book avoid doing segmenting and blending practice with other books.
- Make flashcards with words from their reading book. Play active games in your home.
- Foster a love of reading! Read other books to your child to encourage a love for reading such as magazines or visit the library for free so your child can read about what interests them.

Key Take-aways

- $\checkmark\,$ Use the sound, not the letter names
- Model sounds correctly and correct your child if they say 'uh' at the end of a sound
- Encourage your child to segment and blend using 'robot arms' and show them how by modelling this yourself
- \checkmark Read as much as possible and keep it positive use lots of praise
 - Keep reading fun go to the library, join for free, read anything that piques your child's interest!

Thank you for coming - we hope you have found it useful!

Do you have any questions?



Before you leave, please complete a brief **evaluation form** - this will inform us how we can continue to support you .