



## EYFS Phonics Support - May 2020

As we are remotely planning phonics activities that you can carry out at home, we are finding it difficult to plan the games to specific sounds that each child may need to practise. Therefore, here is a little break down that you can use to support your child at home.

### Phase 2 and Phase 3

Each week follow these steps:

1. Go through the sound flashcards with your child reading the sounds for the phase they are currently working on
2. If your child struggles with particular sounds, choose 2 sounds to focus on that week. If your child gets them all correct reading them, ask your child to write them. If your child finds writing certain sounds difficult, choose 2 of those sounds to focus on that week. Please do not worry if you have recapped the trigraphs ear and ure and your child still struggles to read and write these. If these are the only 2 sounds that your child is finding difficult then move them on to Phase 4.
3. Follow the activities on the weekly planner focusing on the first sound on Monday and Tuesday. Monday the activity will practise reading the sound and Tuesday writing it. Then choose the next sound to focus on for Wednesday and Thursday. The Friday activity will be a recap of the 2 sounds that you have been practicing that week.
4. Sometimes it takes a few times to revisit a sound before children remember it. If you find the following week your child is unsure of the sounds you have practised the week before, then move on to a different sound then revisit these sounds again later on.

### Phase 4

If you find that your child can read and write all the Phase 3 sounds, please complete the activities using the Phase 4 constant clusters. Teach one cluster each day writing and reading each one. You may wish to use the weekly planner for one activity to read the cluster then choose another recommended activity from another week to write the cluster.

Here is the recommended sequence of teaching the constant clusters:

Week 1	st, sp, sm, sc, sk
Week 2	gl, fl, bl, cl, sl
Week 3	br, dr, tr, gr, cr
Week 4	fr, tw, nd, nt, nk
Week 5	lk, lp, lf, mp, ft

## Choosing words for your games

We know it is difficult to sometimes think of words that contain certain sounds. We have the same mental block each time we plan Phonics! So here are some tips and advice for you:

- **GOOGLE!** You will be surprised how many words will suddenly appear if you google 'Words with the sound .... in'
- Twinkl are still offering free accounts to parents so you can always sign up to their website and search the particular sound for a whole range of words
- Please only choose words that your child can phonetically blend and segment with the sounds. The only sound in the word that your child should find tricky to apply is the new one you are practising that day
- For the Year 1 Phonics Screening (if that is carried out next year), the children are expected to read real and pseudo (made up) words. When your child is practising reading words with the new sound in, please write some made up words too for them to read. You can find these on Obb and Bob on Phonics Play as a helpful guide! **Your child will not be expected to write pseudo words so only focus on real words during your writing games.**

## Useful Websites

The internet has a whole range of useful guides and videos to support Phonics at home. Here are a few of our favourites:

- As already mentioned, Twinkl is a great place to get free resources
- Phonics Play have a range of games that you can access for free using the login details - **username** march20 **password** home
- Mr Thorne on YouTube has videos for every sound. The children love watching these when we reveal the new sound on a Monday and Wednesday. Mr Mc has also recorded lots of new videos, which again can be found on YouTube
- Alphablocks episodes cover the different sounds from the phases. You can find these on iPlayer or YouTube
- Pronunciation of Phase 2 sounds - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIpcaxNSU4>
- Pronunciation of Phase 3 sounds - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vU2vWZKS7rY>
- Pronunciation of Phase 5 sounds - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3S5sJw7MfI>
- Each phase also has a number of tricky words that the children need to read and write. Videos for these words can be found on YouTube. Type in 'Phase 2 tricky word song' and enjoy! And yes... the songs do still in your head all day - sorry!
- Oxford Owl and Phonics Play Comics are great places to find free reading materials where your child can practise applying the sounds in sentences