



Phonics Meeting Wednesday 11th October 17

The aim of this letter is to give you a clear picture of how we approach the teaching of phonics and word recognition and how, as a parent or carer, you can support and encourage your child at home.

At St Hilda's we follow Letters and Sounds, this was published by the Department of Education and Skills and is used extensively across the country. It comprises 6 Phases.

At the beginning of the term your child was assessed on their phonics knowledge, from this we grouped them across the Key Stage into a Phases. These groups are not static, each term we will carry out another mini assessment to ensure your child is in a group that is both challenging and supportive of their needs.

Phase 3 (Phase 4 consolidates Phase 3 and is typically taught at the beginning of Year 1)

Phase 3

Set 6: j v w x

Set 7: y z, zz qu

ch, sh th ng ai ee igh oa oo ar or ur ow oi ear air ure er

Phase 5

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New graphemes:

ay (day) ou (out) ie (tie) ea (east) oy (boy) ir (girl) ue (blue) aw (saw)

wh (when) ph (photo) ew (new) oe (toe) au (Paul)

Split digraphs (where the sound is split by another letter)

a-e (make) e-e (these) i-e (like) o-e (home) u-e (rule)

New pronunciations for known letters:

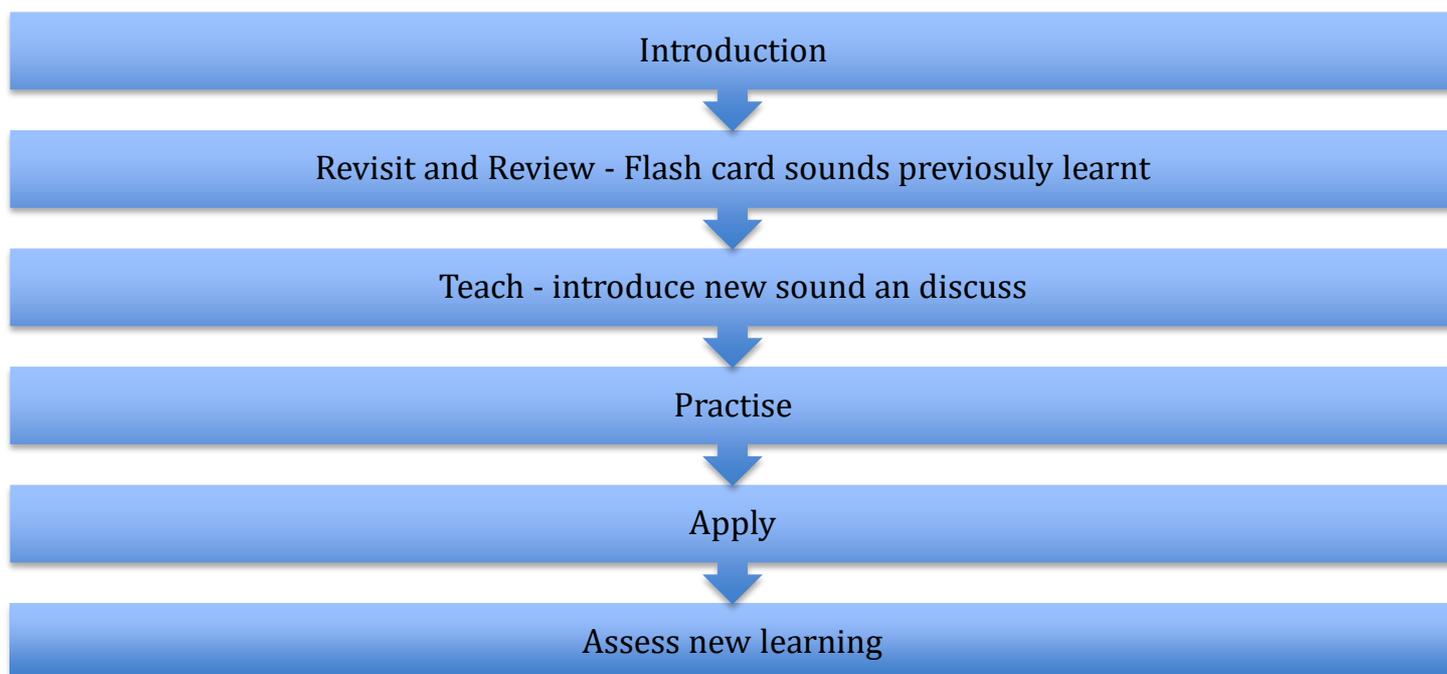
i (fin, find), o (hot, cold), c (cat, cent), g (got, giant), u (but, put (in south of England), ow (cow, blow), ie (tie, field), ea (eat, bread), er (farmer, her), a (hat, what), y (yes, by, very), ch (chin, school, chef), ou (out, shoulder, could, you).

Phase 6 (Typically taught at the beginning of Year 2)

The focus is on learning spelling rules for suffixes.

s, es, ing, ed, er, est, y, en, ful, ly, ment, ness

Typically a lesson follows the format below:



Tricky words

Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
I	he	said	oh
no	she	have	Mrs
the	we	like	people
to	me	so	their
go	be	do	called
into	you	some	Mr
	are	come	looked
	her	little	asked
	was	one	could
	all	were	
	they	there	
	my	what	
		when	
		out	

What you can do at home

Access phonics play <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>

Access topmarks <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

Access letters and sounds <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-4-games.html>

Apps – twinkle phonics

Holding and writing simple sentences from the book.

Reading and sharing books

Finding and sharing the sound of the week in books

Discussing what the focus sound is and practise sounding out words with this sound in it.

Practise tricky words

Thank you for your continued support, Key Stage 1 Team