

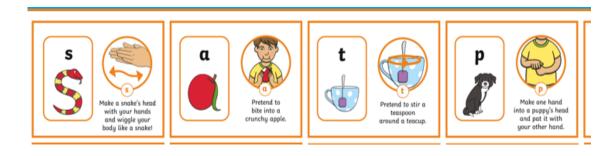


Reception Phonics Meeting

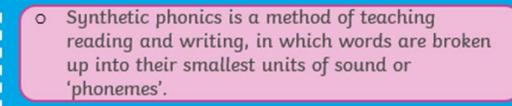
Aims of the session

- To explain the teaching of phonics in Reception
- To give a brief outline of the 'Twinkl' phonics scheme
- To suggest ways in which you can support your child at home (see appendices also)

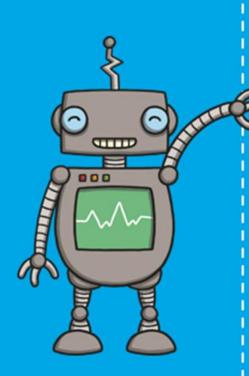




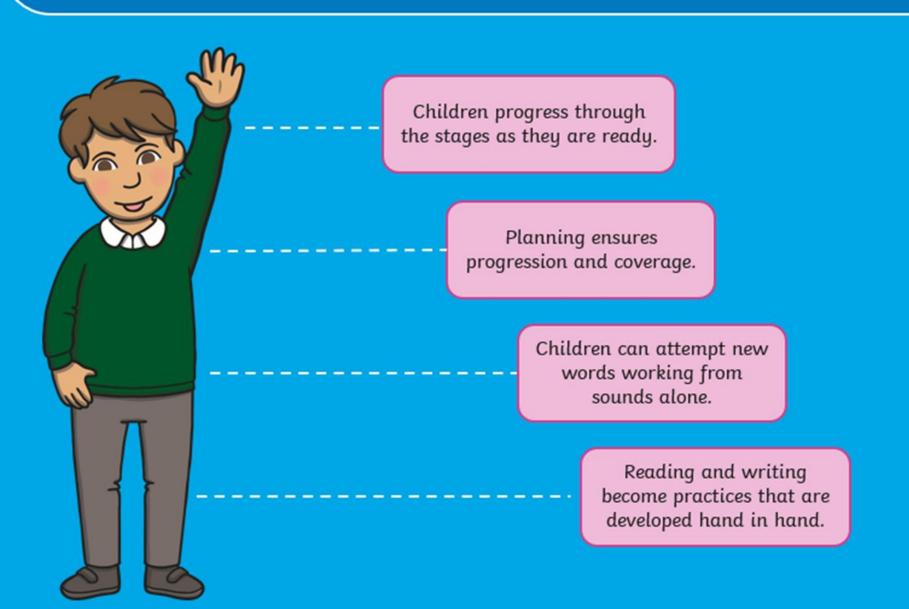
What Is Synthetic Phonics?



- Children learn to associate a written letter or group of letters, known as 'graphemes', with each phoneme.
- O Sounds are then joined or 'blended' together into words for reading or, conversely, whole words are broken down or 'segmented' into their sounds for writing.
- It is the UK's most preferred method of teaching phonics.
- O Sounds are taught in a prescribed order starting with s, a, t, p, i, n, as this allows for the most words to be made from the start, such as 'sat,' 'tap' and 'pin'.



What Are the Benefits of Synthetic Phonics?



What Does Twinkl Phonics Look Like?



Level 1 continues to be taught alongside the other levels.

This is just an overview.

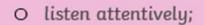
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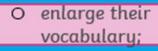
Level 1

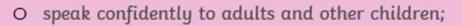


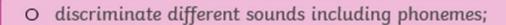
Level 1 is taught in Nursery/Preschool.

By the end of Level 1, children will have had the opportunities to:









O reproduce audibly the phonemes they hear in words;

O orally segment words into phonemes.





These learning opportunities are presented through 7 Aspects.

What Are the 7 Aspects of Level 1?

Aspect 1: Environmental Sounds

- Develop listening skills and awareness of sounds in the environment
- Identify and remember the differences between sounds
- Talk about sounds in greater detail

Aspect 2: Instrumental Sounds

- Develop awareness of sounds made with instruments
- Listen to and appreciate the differences between sounds made with instruments
- Use a wide vocabulary to talk about instrument sounds

Aspect 3: Body Percussion

- Develop awareness of sounds and rhythms
- Distinguish between sounds and remember patterns of sound
- Talk about sounds we make with our bodies and what the sounds mean

Aspect 4: Rhythm and Rhyme

- Experience and appreciate rhythm and rhyme and develop awareness of rhythm and rhyme in speech
- Increase awareness of words that rhyme and develop knowledge about rhyme
- Talk about words that rhyme and produce rhyming words greater detail

Aspect 5: Alliteration

- Develop understanding of alliteration
- Listen to sounds at the beginning of words and hear the differences between them
- Explore how different sounds are articulated

Aspect 6: Voice Sounds

- Distinguish between the differences in vocal sounds
- Explore speechsounds
- Talk about the different sounds that we can make with our voices

Aspect 7: Oral Blending & Segmenting

- Develop oral blending and segmenting of sounds in words
- Listen to sounds within words and remember them in the order in which they occur
- Talk about the different sounds that make up words



Environmental Sounds



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Aspect 2 -Instrumental Sounds







Aspect 3 -Body Percussion

Aspect 4 -Rhythm and Rhyme

Aliteration





Aspect 6 -

Aspect 7 -Oral Blending and

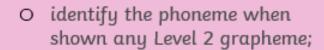
More info on how to help at home is in the appendices.

Level 2



Level 2 is taught in Reception.

By the end of Level 2, children will have had the opportunities to:



- identify any Level 2 grapheme when they hear the phoneme;
- O orally blend and segment CVC words such as, 'sat' and 'pat';
- O blend sounds to read VC words such as, 'if', 'am', 'on' and 'up';
- O segment VC words into their sounds to spell them (using magnetic letters);
- O read the tricky words (words that cannot be sounded out): the, to, I, no, go.



Level 2 Actions and Mnemonics























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Make your fist into a nut and tap it.





with your hands

and wiggle your

body like a snake!

























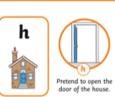














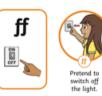








tap it with













Phase 2: Enunciation

Phonemes should be articulated clearly and precisely

For example, not

cer a ter

But c a t - cat





Phase 2: Matching the sound to written form

We show the children how to form the letter which makes the sound and experiment with writing in fun ways eg magic finger, magic pen, painting, in the air, in sand, soil or glitter!

Try these at home and have fun with it!



Phase 2: Handwriting

We follow the 'Twinkl' Handwriting Scheme at Vaughan which links with the phonics taught.

We encourage children to develop a secure tripod pencil grip and to form letters correctly.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPg9qpq6Hhg



Sound buttons

We use sound buttons to help blend and segment words.

Blending is joining the sounds together to help us to read a word.



Sound buttons

jam



Segmenting

Segmenting is listening to how a word sounds and splitting it up into the phonemes in order to write the word.

We use robot arms to segment the sounds in words

For example tap

t a p



Phase 3: Digraphs

Phase 3 introduces children to units of sound made up of more than one letter.

Digraph – two letters that make one sound Example - 'ch' 'sh' 'ng'

For example 'chin' ch-i-n

Level 3



Level 3 is taught in Reception.

By the end of Level 3, children will have had the opportunities to:







- say the phoneme when shown all or most Level 2 and Level 3 graphemes;
- find all or most Level 2 and Level 3 graphemes, from a display, when given the phoneme;
- blend and read CVC words (single-syllable words consisting of Level 2 and Level 3 graphemes) such as 'chop' and 'night';
- o segment and make phonetically plausible attempts at spelling CVC words (single-syllable words consisting of Level 2 and Level 3 graphemes) such as 'paid' and 'seed';
- o read the tricky words he, she, we, me, be, was, my, you, her, they, all, are & spell the tricky words the, to, I, no, go;
- write each letter correctly when following a model.

Level 3 Actions and Mnemonics



Level 4



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By the end of Level 4, children will have had the opportunities to:

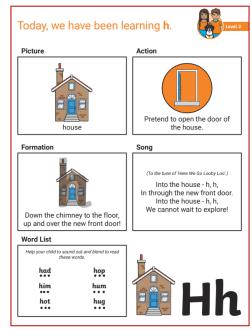
No new sounds are taught in Level 4.



- o give the phoneme when shown any Level 2 or Level 3 grapheme;
- o find any Level 2 or Level 3 grapheme when given the phoneme;
- blend and read words containing adjacent consonants as well as segment and spell words containing adjacent consonants, such as 'sand', 'bench' and 'flight';
- read the tricky words some, one, said, come, do, so, were, when, have, there, out, like, little, what & spell the tricky words - he, she, we, me, be, was, my, you, here, they, all, are;
- o write each letter, usually using the correct formation;
- o orally segment words into phonemes.

How can I support my Reception child at home?

- Practise listening skills using the **Level 1** ideas for home.
- Practise the new sounds and graphemes at home using the Parent Information Sheets. Remember to use the smallest unit of sounds when pronouncing the sounds and model the correct letter formation as taught in school.
- Letter names, letter formation and capital letters are taught alongside each phoneme. So you can practise these too!
- **Read every day** with your child. Use the **Before Reading** page each time to develop rapid recall.
- Practise **writing** the tricky words as well as reading them. Be creative to make it fun paint them, write them in sand or lentils / rice on a plate, make them out of playdough etc.
- Practise hearing and segmenting sounds for writing through a purpose. Can they make a shopping list for you or can they label what they have built in lego or made in playdough.









End of Reception Expectations

Literacy Early Learning Goal

Word reading

Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs. Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending. Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge

Writing

Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.

Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters.

Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.



End of Reception Expectations

Literacy Early Learning Goal

Comprehension

Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary.

Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories.

Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, nonfiction, rhymes and poems and during role play.



How to help your child at home

See the appendices for useful links to websites





Rhino Readers plus choice book

Rhino reader book is for your child to read.

Choice book is a library book for you to share and which will be mostly you reading to your child.

Please return books to school each Thursday.

A new reading book will be assigned each Friday.



This week choice book only

Teachers have been carrying out statutory baseline assessment so the teaching of phonics has just begun.

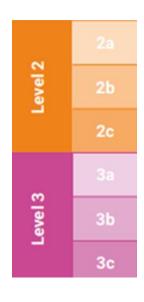
The first letter sounds must be taught before the first books are sent home.

Teaching includes learning to blend and segment but these are skills which can take a while to secure.

Rhino Readers – Home Reading Books

- Fully decodable books for your child's stage of development.
- Linked to **phonics teaching** and only progress through the levels when the sounds have been **taught** and when your child has shown they are **secure** in the prior levels.
- Twinkl has **sets of books for each level** which are divided into sub-levels. Books can be sent home more than once.
- Remember home reading is for practise and to develop fluency. Your child <u>should be able</u> to decode the book.







How can you support your child when reading at home?

- Positive experiences to foster a love of reading. A mix of child-led and adult-led reading.
- Daily reading children thrive on repetition. Hardwiring phonemes and tricky words!
- Finding a **time** to read that is right for your child try and get into a routine.

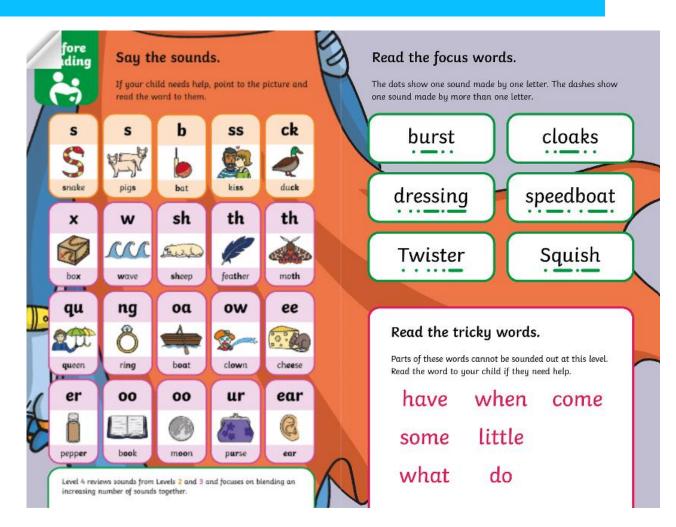
• Pre-reading talk is really important. Explore the front cover and blurb together. What do they notice? Do they have the vocabulary to discuss what they can see and are they excited by the

title?



How can you support your child when reading at home?

- Don't skip the 'Before Reading Page'. Point and say the phonemes and words. Keep this pacey and fun!
- If your child isn't sure on a sound, first say the word underneath. Then segment / stretch it out to hear the sound they need. Emphasising the phoneme they need.
- When reading the focus words can your child identify the digraphs and do they understand the meaning of the word?
- Pink words are tricky words to learn by sight. If it's pink, stop and think! You can help your child with these words.





Rhino Readers

Please remember that reading is not just about saying the words but understanding what has been read.

Ask your child questions to check their understanding.





Microsoft Teams Homework Platform

You will receive log in details for MS Teams

Your child will be issued with homework in the 'assignments' section of teams.

Homework will be set on Fridays – no need to send work into school. It is for you to consolidate the work taught in phonics lessons.



MS Teams Homework Platform

Homework will be based on the phonics taught that week and may also include:-

- Letter sounds to learn
- Words to read using sound buttons to blend
- Tricky words to learn to read and spell

We may also give details of a theme we are currently learning about for example 'noticing the changing seasons' so that you can support your child at home.





Evidence Me: Online Learning Platform



You have recently and hopefully completed a form and provided one or two email addresses to enable you to access Evidence Me.



Evidence Me: Online Learning Platform

Evidence Me is used as an online platform to share children's learning experiences. It allows photos, observations and comments to be stored and accessed by Parents and Teachers.



Evidence Me: Online Learning Platform

We appreciate that you enjoy seeing photos of your child in the Reception setting so will include some photos which are for you to discuss and share at home.

Examples might be dressing up for World Book Day or performing a class poem.



Evidence Me: Your child outside the school setting

Evidence Me can provide greater opportunities to extend your child's learning at home by talking about what your child is learning at school.

Ideas and suggestions may be issued on MS Teams.



Evidence Me: What can I contribute?

As a Parent, Evidence Me enables you to capture and share experiences which are different to those at school.

This enables the teacher to see a more rounded picture of your child, their interests and the characteristics of their learning.



Evidence Me: What can I contribute?

Please see the appendices to the slides which explain more about how you can contribute your own observations from home.



Evidence Me: Feedback

Your observations will be acknowledged by the class teacher however teachers do not receive a direct notification when you post something.

Teachers check in periodically with the website to oversee everything, so your post will be viewed during one of these 'check in's.'



If you have do not confirm that you wish to join Evidence Me then the email will need to be resent.

Class Teachers can view that information so will know whether you have confirmed or not.

Please confirm as soon as possible to reduce the time that class teachers will need to spend checking and resending links.

Please check your junk email box



Phonics Terminology

Here is some of the terminology you might hear as your children begin to learn phonics.

Phoneme	the smallest unit of sound in words
Grapheme	the written representation of a sound
GPC (Grapheme-Phoneme Correspondence)	being able to match a phoneme with the correct grapheme and vice versa
Blending	joining individual speech sounds together to read a word
Segmenting	breaking down words into individual speech sounds to spell a word
Digraph	two letters making one sound e.g. 'sh'
Trigraph	three letters making one sound e.g. 'igh'
Split Digraph	two letters making one sound which are divided by a consonant e.g. the i_e sound in the word 'side'
Tricky/Common Exception Words	words that are not fully decodable such as 'the' and 'was'
Sound buttons	circles or spots that can be written underneath a sound to support reading
Sound bars	lines that can be written underneath digraphs or trigraphs to show that the letters make one sound
Mnemonic	a visual prompt to help children remember a sound





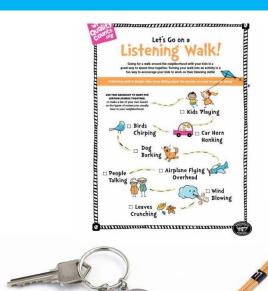






Level 1 How can I support my child at home?

- Work on **listening skills**, taking turns and encouraging your child to **look at** you when you are speaking.
- Go on a **listening walk** around your house or outside and talk about the sounds they can hear.
- Play the game 'I Hear with My Little Ear'! Take it in turns to imitate the sound of something and guess what makes that sound.
- Make a collection of your own **noisemakers**. Can they guess a sound being played under a blanket? You could include things like crisp packets, keys, coins in a pot, a rattle or a squeaky toy.
- **Read** with your child daily at home. Could they use instruments or noise makers to add **sound affects**? Can they create their own **voice sounds** for sound affects?







Level 1 How can I support my child at home?

- Play a **listening and copying game** using a small set of instruments and noisemakers. Try creating loud or quiet sounds and simple patterns.
- Learn and perform lots of **nursery rhymes**. Use actions for **body percussion**!
- Read **rhyming books** and play with rhyme. Play **rhyming bingo** or **snap.** You can even challenge your child to make the **rhymes silly**, e.g. Hickory dickory dock the mouse ran up the sock!
- Oral **blending** ad **segmenting games**. Such as **I spy...** a c-a-t, I spy a f-r-o-g or **Simon Says** touch your h-ea-d.







Phonics: Links to support at home

How to say the letter sounds

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

Jolly phonics songs for each sound

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvAYUvQUrGo

Blending and lots of other useful information

https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-outmore/parents/



Reception Phonics Meeting

Oxford Owl

https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/

https://www.miniwritersclub.com

Also has an Instagram page



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Rhino Readers

Useful link:

10 things to think about when reading with your child

https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-

more/parents/



You will be sent an email to confirm that you wish to use Evidence Me – from Evidence Me

Confirm that link and then you can start using Evidence Me to view observations which we have posted and post your own.

This is how the activation email should look:-



Example Email Invitation

Subject: Evidence Me – Activation of Joe Smith's parent account for St Mary's School

Welcome to the St Mary's School Parent Suite!

You have been registered at St Mary's School as a Parent of Joe Smith. Please follow the link from below in order to activate your user account:

Activate your account

Regards, The Evidence Me Team



Once you have confirmed the email link sent to you you should be able to view the observations which the class teacher has posted.

You can do by downloading the app Evidence Me by a company called 2simple

Please see the appendices for further details and links to Parent Help from Evidence Me



Evidence Me: What can I contribute?

It could be a photo of a bike ride you did together and your child had read some signs along the way.

It could be a discussion in the garden about the clouds, where they come from and where they go!



Evidence Me: What can I contribute?

We would like to use Evidence Me from time to time to ask you to post specific observations.



We have recently been talking about Autumn at school. It would be great to follow this up by visiting the park and looking for signs of Autumn, discussing what you find such as acorns and conkers and extending vocabulary by describing the leaves you find.



Another theme we have been discussing is celebrations, for example Diwali and Christmas. It would be good to see the kind of celebrations that your child takes part in and what their understanding is.



Try to write exactly what your child says without correcting it.

For example, "I ate some yummy food for Diwali and had presents. I wore my red sparkly dress."

It isn't about what is correct or what isn't, it is a case of understanding the stage your child is at now, so that we know how to support them with the next step of their learning.

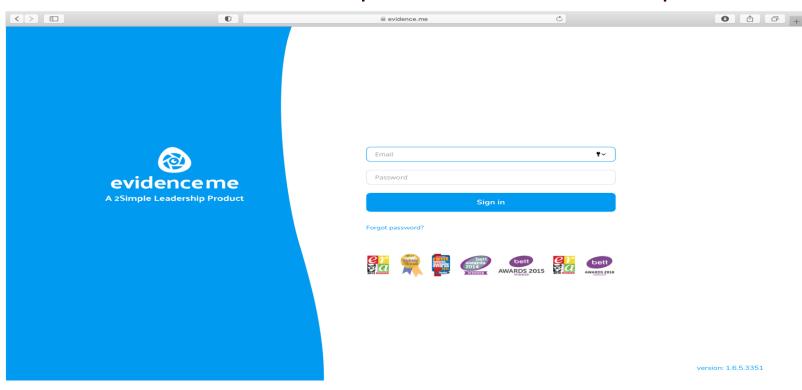


The important thing is sharing the experiences and the discussion which comes as a result of this.

Children who are supported with learning at home make greater progress than those who are not.



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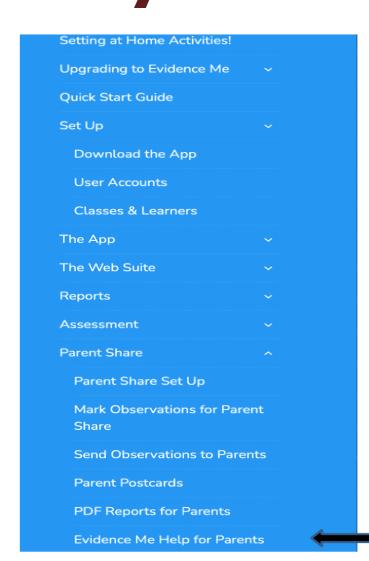
Evidence Me: How do I add an entry?

Go to the section called 'Parent Share'

'Evidence Me Help for Parents



Evidence Me: How do I add an entry?



Click here



Evidence Me: How do i dad an

entry?

Scroll down the page to 'Create a Parent App Observation'
You can submit a photo or video: there are lots of details here for how to do it.

