

# **Phonics Workshop**

## **Phase 2**

# What is phonics?

Phonics is a way of teaching children to read and write.

Children learn the phonemes associated with graphemes. They blend them for reading and segment them for writing.



Phoneme = the smallest unit of sound in a word.

Grapheme = letter.

Blending = children read/say/hear the separate sounds in a word and blend them together to make the whole word.

Segmenting = children say/hear the whole word and say every separate sound they hear

# Letters and Sounds

At Hook Infants, we use Letters and Sounds, which was produced by the Department for Education. This is split into phases. This term we are covering Phase 2 phonics.

# Phase 2

Children learn the phonemes (sounds) made by the following graphemes (letters) ...

**s a t p i n m d g o c k**  
**ck e u r h b f ff l ll ss**

It is very important to articulate these sounds accurately and to make sure there is no schwa ('uh' sound at the end).



# Reading and writing words

Children gradually build up the length of words they can read and write.

VC = vowel consonant e.g. it

CVC = consonant vowel consonant e.g. tin

CCVC = consonant consonant vowel consonant e.g. step

CVCC = consonant vowel consonant consonant e.g. pots

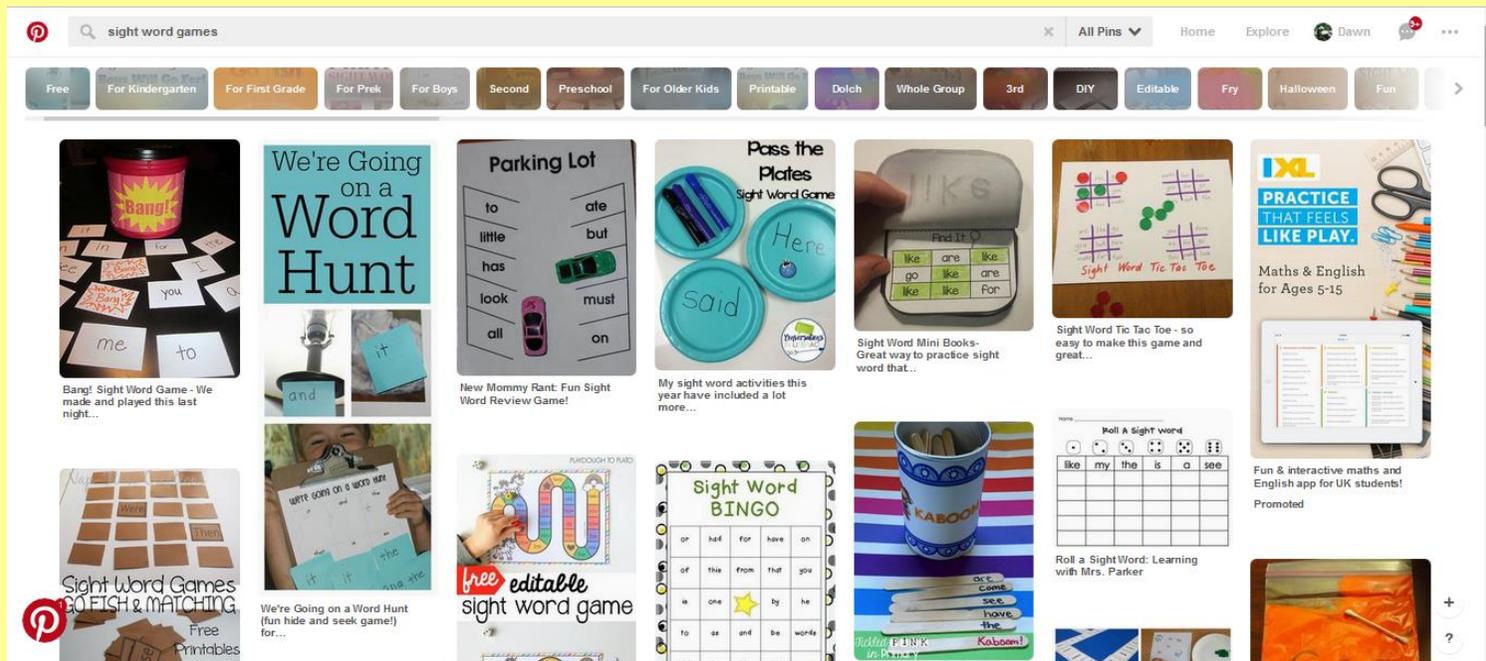
Children will only be expected to read and write words where the graphemes (letters) make the phonemes (sounds) that have already been taught.

Tricky words are also taught. These are words where the graphemes do not make the taught phonemes. In Phase 2 the tricky words are ...

**I to into go no the**

# Sight words

It is important that children learn to read words by sight as well. These are the words in the Word Worms. When children first learn to read them, they will 'sound them out'. By practising them frequently they will soon learn to read them **without** sounding them out. Children learn best by playing games to help them learn sight words. There are lots of ideas on Pinterest – just search for 'sight word games'.



# Real words and alien words

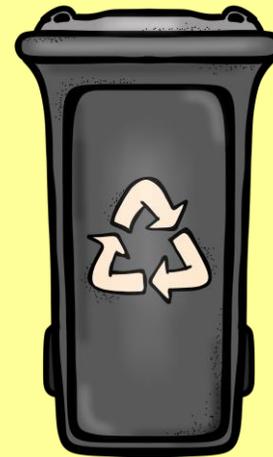
Children will be expected to read real words and alien words. Alien words are words that are not real. Children should still be able to read them using their phonic knowledge and should also identify that they are alien. We often do this by playing games such as Buried Treasure.

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# **Short Demo with the class.**

**This is a shortened  
sequence of activities that  
are used in Phonics lessons.**

# Useful places

There are lots of apps and ideas available that are helpful for children. Try to make sure you have checked it out first and that the phonemes are correctly articulated. Some American apps and sites don't teach phonics the same way we do and may not be accurate.

Jolly Phonics – apps, videos on YouTube, books etc on Amazon

Nessy website and apps (including Hairy Phonics)

Zat phonics website and app

Phonics Play website

Ruth Miskin videos (YouTube)

Alphablocks videos (BBC – can be found on Cbeebies iPlayer, YouTube and DVD)

Mr Thorne phonics / Geraldine Giraffe (YouTube)

Little Learners Jolly Phonics (YouTube)

# Ideas for games

Car park reading

Bean bag toss

Buried Treasure

High Five words

Please play one of these with your child before you go!