



Farnworth CE Primary School

Parents' Phonics Guidance



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Phonics in Reception

Below is a list of websites that can support you and your child with letters and sounds...

www.educationcity.co.uk

Has a wide selection of games and activities for all letters and sounds elements. You will need a password to enter the site but you can get this from us at school. (School have log on details)

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/phonics/

mix of very good interactive games and worksheets covering most phonic phases. Recommend Sandcastle quiz for phase 3 and 5.

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/literacy/

a very good selection of interactive games focussing on phonics and sentence construction. Each is split into medium/hard/really hard and are short and fun.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex

Lots of free games for each phase, especially good for reading non-words. You can also subscribe to access more games.

www.letters-and-sounds.com

Includes further information on each phase as well as printable resources and links to online games.

www.ictgames.com/literacy.html

a great selection of games that link well with games in Letters and Sounds.

Phase 2

In Phase 2, they will also be taught the phonemes (*sounds*) for a number of letters (*graphemes*).

Your child will be taught how to pronounce the sounds (*phonemes*) correctly to make blending easier. Try to avoid saying 'buh', 'cuh' encourage your child to say the pure sound.

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

and be able to read 5 tricky words...

the to I no go

They should be able to **orally blend** (sound talk) cvc words e.g. when you sound out c-a-t, they can tell you the word is cat, and also **orally segment** cvc words e.g. when you say mum, they can pick out the sounds m-u-m.

Spelling is harder than reading. During this phase they will use lots of alternatives to pencil and paper (eg magnetic letters, writing in sand, using paint)

This website will help you to learn the correct pronunciations for the phonemes:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s

Phase 3

The purpose of this phase is to teach 25 graphemes (letters) most of them comprising of two letters (e.g. oa) so the children can represent each of the 42 phonemes (sounds). Your child will continue to blend and segment for reading and spelling (e.g. pool)

j v w x y z zz qu ch
jug van wig box yes zip buzz quit rich
sh th ng ai igh oa oo oo ar
shop moth king rain high loaf look moon park
or ur ow oi ear air ure er
port burn town boil hear pair pure hotter

and 12 more tricky words to read...

he she we me be was
my you her they all are

They should now, also, be able to spell the 5 tricky words from phase 2.

the to I no go