

## A parents guide to phonics

If your child is currently on Pink/Red level reading books, they will need to learn all of Phase 2 phonics sounds and tricky words.

If your child is on Yellow/Blue/Green reading books, they will now need to work on learning Phase 3 and 4 sounds and tricky words.

Above this reading level your child will be ready to learn Phase 5 and 6 sounds and spelling rules. At this stage your child should also be reading and spelling the Year 1 and 2 common exception words.

At first your child will need to learn how to blend sounds together that they hear eg an adult say c-a-t, they would say cat.

Then they go on to segment words that they hear/see *eg an adult would say dog, they would say d-o-g*. Then they might go on to write it if they recognise these letter sounds.

Please look on youtube to see how to pronounce each phonic sound in the different phases.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vU2vWZKS7rY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3S5sJw7Mfl>

Use the Twinkl resources to find activities for your child.  
There are lots on there for all abilities.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/phase-2-phonics-a-step-by-step-guide-for-parents-t-e-2549014>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/phase-3-phonics-a-step-by-step-guide-for-parents-t-e-2549015>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/phase-4-phonics-a-step-by-step-guide-for-parents-t-e-2549016>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/phase-5-phonics-a-step-by-step-guide-for-parents-t-e-2549018>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/phase-6-phonics-a-step-by-step-guide-for-parents-t-e-2549019>

Another great online resource is Phonics Play.

Once your child is confident reading and spelling words containing all the sounds from the phase they are currently on, they can then move on to the higher phase.

Please encourage your child to put these words into sentences to suit their individual ability, *eg I like hot dogs.*

*The green boat sank the bottom of the sea.*

*My garden stairs are steep and I can't climb them at night.*

Any problems you are having with teaching phonics at home, please email the school and we'll be happy to help you.