

Red Class Phonics Overview Term 1

At Emersons Green Primary School we teach synthetic phonics. We follow the **Essential Letters and Sounds** programme which provides a structured and systematic approach to the teaching of phonics. It aims for children to develop fluent word reading skills and have good foundations in spelling by the end of Year One.

There will be a phonics workshop for parents on Friday 6th October 2023, and the slides will be shared on Google Classroom and on the school website after the session. This will give you more information about our approach to the teaching of phonics.

For the first few weeks of term, we will work on developing children's auditory and phonemic skills through listening games and activities. We will also start to foster a love of reading in all children by sharing a variety of stories during story-time, where we encourage children to join in with repeated phrases and to talk about the story. We also encourage children to look at books independently and pay regular visits to the school library. All of these things will continue throughout the year, alongside our discrete teaching of phonics.

In the coming weeks, we will begin more formal phonics teaching. Children will learn the letters below, along with the sounds they make. They will learn the letter name, the correct pronunciation of the letter sound, and how to write the letter. They will also develop their blending and segmenting skills to read and write words made up of two or three sounds – examples of these are outlined below. In addition, children will learn some 'Harder to Read and Spell' words – these are commonly used words which are harder to read and spell at this stage because children have not yet learnt the letter-sound correspondences present.

WB 25/9/23	WB 2/10/23	WB 9/10/23	WB 16/10/23
<u>Phase 2.1</u> s a t p	<u>Phase 2.2</u> i n m d	<u>Phase 2.3</u> g o c k	<u>Phase 2.4</u> ck e u r
<u>Example words</u> at sat pat tap	<u>Example words</u> it tip an nap man and dim	<u>Example words</u> dig gas dog top cat picnic kit	<u>Example words</u> kick back ten pocket mud sunset rat
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Support at home

Support with phonics at home is really important in helping children to become confident and fluent readers and writers. Some of things you can do at home to support include:

- Hearing your child read their 'phonics' book (see separate Reading at Home letter)
- Sharing books with your child and developing a love of reading for pleasure
- Being clear and consistent in your pronunciation of each sound (<https://youtu.be/UCI2mu7URBc> - this video shows the correct pronunciation of sounds)
 - Using a sound mat to do some 'quick fire' letter/sound recognition
- Encouraging your child to take an interest in letters and words in the environment