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# Phonics in EYFS and KS1 at West Kirby Primary School

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

# Aims of the Meeting ...

- To explain what phonics is
- To explain how phonics is taught at West Kirby Primary School
- To help you support your child at home



# Did You Know the English language has ...

26 letters



44 sounds

Over 100 ways to spell  
those sounds.



It is one of the most complex languages to learn to read  
and spell.

# Why Teach Phonics?

- Phonics, taught in a systematic synthetic way, is key to teach children become fluent readers.
- Children learn to hear and recognise sounds in words and spell them correctly.
- This assists with their confidence, accuracy and fluency.



# Phonics vocabulary ...

Your child will learn to use the term ...

**phoneme**

Phonemes are sounds that can be heard in words

E.g. c-a-t

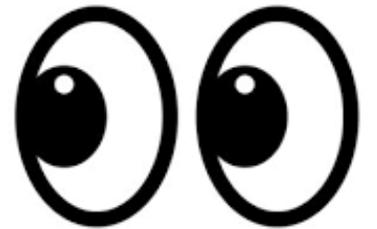


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**grapheme**

This is how a phoneme is written down  
(what you can see)



# Phonics vocabulary ...

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## blending

Children need to **hear** the separate sounds then blends them together to make the whole word

E.g. c-a-t = cat



# Phonics vocabulary ...

Your child will learn to use the term ...

**segmenting**

Children need to **hear** every sound that is in the whole word

E.g. dog = d-o-g



# Tricky words (also called common exception words) ...

These are words that cannot be blended or segmented because they are irregular.

For example ...

the was you said come

Tricky  
words

How is Phonics  
taught at West  
Kirby Primary  
School?





In September, we implemented our  
new Phonics scheme  
*Reading Planet Rocket Phonics.*

Phonics is  
taught from F1.

In F1, the children  
will explore ...

- environmental
- instrumental
- body percussion
- rhythm and rhyme
- alliteration
- oral blending and segmenting

In F2, the children  
will learn ...

Letter-sounds taught
s a t i p n m d g o c k
ck e u r h b f ff l ll ss
j v w x y z zz qu
ch sh th ng ai ee igh oa oo
ar or ur ow oi ear air ure er

In Year 1, the children will learn ...

Letter-sounds taught
wh ph ay a-e a /ai/ e-e ie ea y ey /ee/ i i-e ie y /igh/ o-e ow oe o /oa/
u u-e ue ew /y+oo/ u ou oul short /oo/ u-e ue ew oa ou long /oo/
er ir ear or /ur/ ou /oa/ oy /oi/ a al /ar/ eer ere /eer/ are ear ere /air/ au aw al our ore oor augh /or/
c se ce sc st /s/ g dge ge /j/ ea /e/ ch /k/ ch /sh/ o /uh/ -ed /t/ and /d/ le /ul/ mb /m/ kn gn /n/ wr /r/ tch /ch/ s, si, ge /zh/ ture /ch+u/ y /i/ (w)a /o/ ti ci ssi /sh/

# In Year 2, the children will learn ...

/ai/ ai, ay, a-e, a, eigh, ei, ea, ey  
/ee/ ee, e-e, ie, ea, y, ey, e  
/igh/ igh, i, i-e, ie, y  
/oa/ oa, o-e, ow, oe, o  
homophones and near-homophones  
suffixes

/w/ w, wh /f/ f, ff, ph  
long /oo/ oo, u-e, ou, ue, ew  
/y+oo/ u, u-e, ue, ew  
short /oo/ oo, u, oul /ar/ ar, a, al  
possessive apostrophes  
suffixes

/or/ or, au, aw, al, ar, a  
/or/ our, ore, oor, augh  
/ur/ ur, er, ir, ear, or  
/ou/ ou, ow /oi/ oi, oy  
contractions  
suffixes

/eer/ ear, eer, ere  
/air/ air, are, ear, ere  
/s/ s, ss, c, se, ce, sc, st  
/j/ j, g, dge, ge  
homophones and near-homophones  
suffixes

/t/ t, tt, ed /d/ d, dd, ed  
/n/ n, nn, kn, gn /m/ m, mm, mb  
/k/ c, k, ck, ch /r/ r, rr, wr  
/l/ l, ll /ul/ le, il, al, el  
possessive apostrophes  
suffixes

/i/ i, y /o/ o, (w)a (qu)a  
/e/ e, ea /zh/ s, si, ge  
/ch/ ch, tch /ch+u/ ture  
/sh/ sh, ch, ti, ci, ssi  
contractions  
suffixes

- In the daily Phonics lessons, your child will ...
- Learn to recognise, identify, say and read all of the 44 sounds of the English language along with writing and spelling them.
- They will revisit sounds they have learned, learn new sounds, take part in stimulating activities to practise and apply their reading, writing and spelling skills.
- Contribute to comprehension quizzes to check for understanding.



Some of the resources used to support the teaching of Phonics ...

# Interactive big books ...

Story text for the teacher to read aloud, or play the audio version (with sound effects)

Decodable words containing the focus lettersound appear in blue lozenges that can be clicked to hear the pronunciation

Target lettersounds appear in yellow lozenges that can be clicked to play the pronunciation

A few years passed until one day, Mr and Mrs Sprout were picking ripe apples in the sunshine when a messenger arrived from the royal palace.

*Toot! Toot!* He blew his golden trumpet, then announced: "The King and Queen invite their people to enter a grand pie-making contest!"

prize

i-e

sunshine

ripe

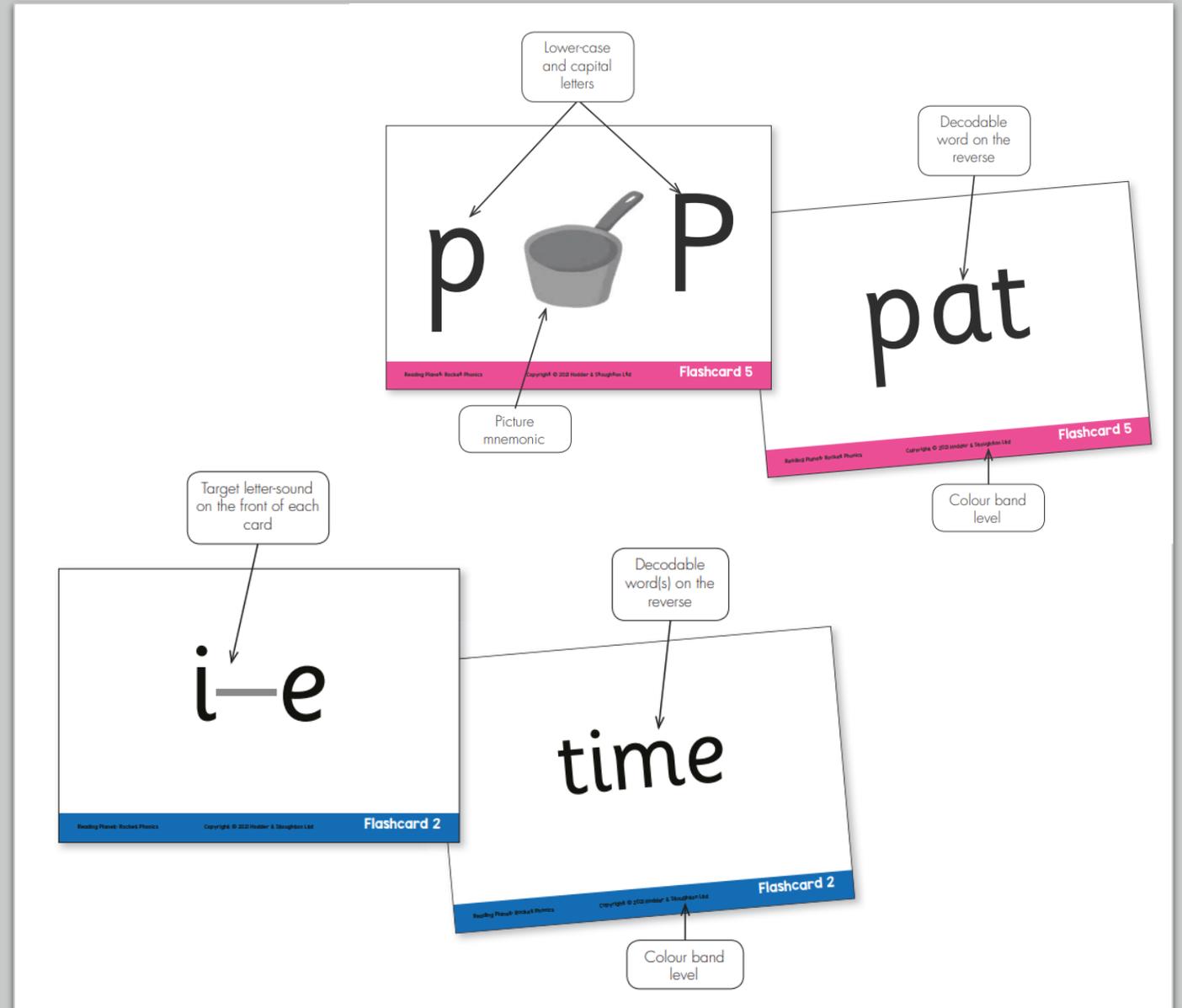
The prize is one hundred gold coins and a family ticket to the birthday banquet of their son, Prince Jude," he continued. "The contest will be held one week from today!" The messenger then handed them a copy of the notice and rode away.

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# Flashcards ...



Some of the resources used to support the teaching of Phonics ...

# Pupil practice booklets ...

Left-hand pages focus on blending skills for reading

Right-hand pages focus on segmenting skills for spelling and writing

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Some of the resources used to support the teaching of Phonics ...

Frieze and sound mats ...

**i**

/i/      /igh/



insect



child

**i-e**

/igh/



time

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The Frieze is provided in sections that can be displayed on the wall

The Sounds Mats can be printed out and laminated for reference on classroom tables

**Rocket Phonics Sounds Mat 3**

<b>i</b> child	<b>i-e</b> time	<b>ie</b> pie	<b>y</b> spy	<b>o-e</b> rope
<b>ow</b> snow	<b>oe</b> toe	<b>o</b> piano	<b>u</b> unicorn	<b>u-e</b> cube
<b>ue</b> statue	<b>ew</b> news	<b>er</b> herb	<b>ir</b> bird	<b>ou</b> cloud
<b>au</b> astronaut	<b>aw</b> strawberry	<b>oul</b> should	<b>a</b> father	<b>al</b> palm
<b>or</b> world	<b>eer</b> deer	<b>ere</b> here	<b>are</b> square	<b>our</b> four
		<b>ere</b> there		<b>our</b> colour
				<b>ore</b> store

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The Rising Stars reading books used to support the scheme are all fully decodable. This helps to develop confidence and fluency, as well as consolidating what the children have learnt in their phonics lessons.



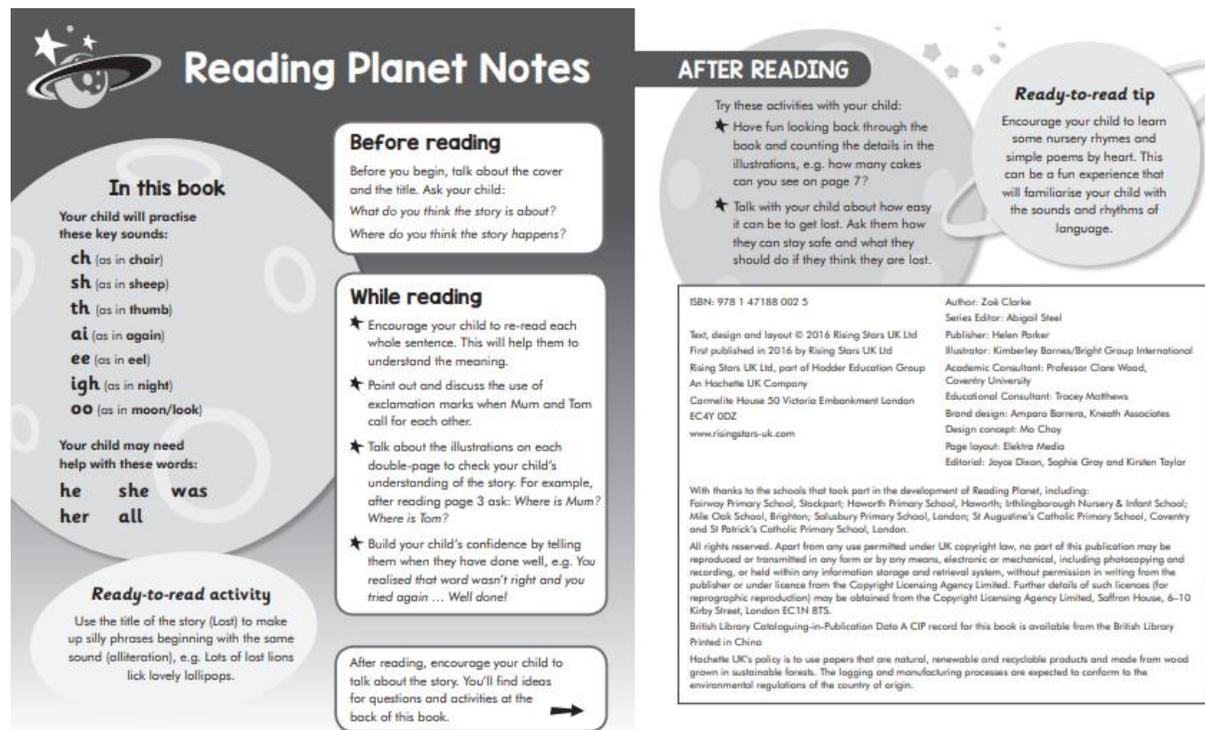
## Reading Books ...

Each week, the children will be given a reading book from our scheme Rising Stars. This reading book will be fully decodable so will only have words that the children should be able to read.



Have a look at the information and suggested activities in the front and back of the book.

They are really useful!



The infographic is titled "Reading Planet Notes" and features a space theme with planets and stars. It is divided into several sections: "In this book", "Before reading", "While reading", "After reading", and "Ready-to-read tip". The "In this book" section lists key sounds (ch, sh, th, ai, ee, igh, oo) and words (he, she, was, her, all) for practice. The "Before reading" section suggests talking about the cover and title. The "While reading" section provides three activities: re-reading sentences, discussing exclamation marks, and checking understanding. The "After reading" section suggests looking back at illustrations and talking about the story. The "Ready-to-read tip" suggests using nursery rhymes. A small box at the bottom right contains publication details like ISBN, author, and publisher.

## Reading Planet Notes

### In this book

Your child will practise these key sounds:

- ch** (as in chair)
- sh** (as in sheep)
- th** (as in thumb)
- ai** (as in again)
- ee** (as in eel)
- igh** (as in night)
- oo** (as in moon/look)

Your child may need help with these words:

**he she was**  
**her all**

### Ready-to-read activity

Use the title of the story (*Lost*) to make up silly phrases beginning with the same sound (alliteration), e.g. Lots of lost lions lick lovely lollipops.

### Before reading

Before you begin, talk about the cover and the title. Ask your child:  
What do you think the story is about?  
Where do you think the story happens?

### While reading

- ★ Encourage your child to re-read each whole sentence. This will help them to understand the meaning.
- ★ Point out and discuss the use of exclamation marks when Mum and Tom call for each other.
- ★ Talk about the illustrations on each double-page to check your child's understanding of the story. For example, after reading page 3 ask: *Where is Mum? Where is Tom?*
- ★ Build your child's confidence by telling them when they have done well, e.g. *You realised that word wasn't right and you tried again ... Well done!*

### After reading

After reading, encourage your child to talk about the story. You'll find ideas for questions and activities at the back of this book. →

### AFTER READING

Try these activities with your child:

- ★ Have fun looking back through the book and counting the details in the illustrations, e.g. how many cakes can you see on page 7?
- ★ Talk with your child about how easy it can be to get lost. Ask them how they can stay safe and what they should do if they think they are lost.

### Ready-to-read tip

Encourage your child to learn some nursery rhymes and simple poems by heart. This can be a fun experience that will familiarise your child with the sounds and rhythms of language.

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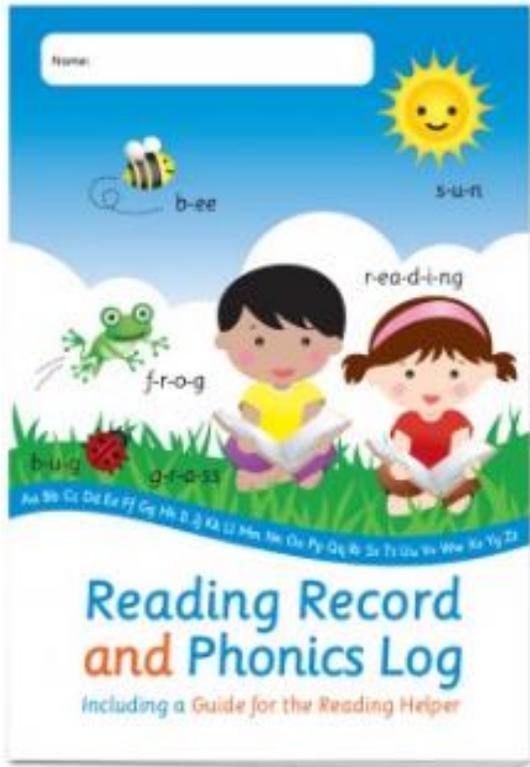
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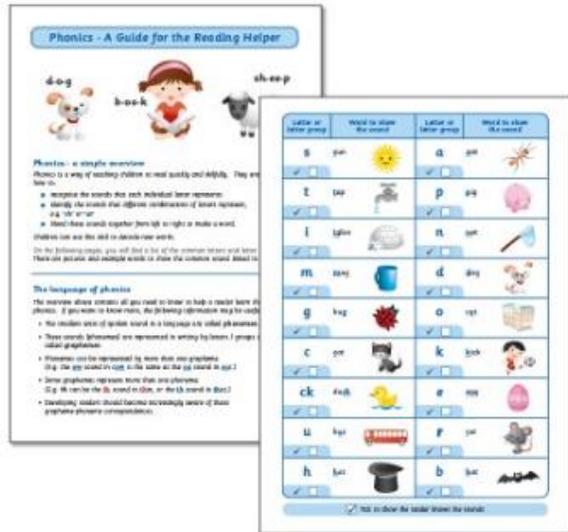
- We would like children to read for **10 minutes** per day. All children should talk to an adult about what they are reading at least **five times** a week.
- Please encourage your child to read as wide a **variety of books** as possible – they need to develop their reading skills across a wide range of genres and text types.
- Your child will have a school library book. They will change their library book every week.
- All school book bags must be in school **every day**. Please ensure that your child's Reading Record book is filled in each time they read at home.





In your child's reading record book, please complete:

- Date
- Book title
- Page read to
- Comment



Our reading record books also include support for children and parents with phonics, spellings and reading.

# Phonics Keyrings ...

- In the next few weeks, Year 1 and some Year 2 children will be given a phonics keyring.
- This will have the different graphemes that the children have been learning.
- On the back of the card it indicates how this grapheme would be applied in words.
- Please work through the keyrings with your child to develop their understanding.



Further information about Rocket Phonics and the Reading books can be found on our school website.



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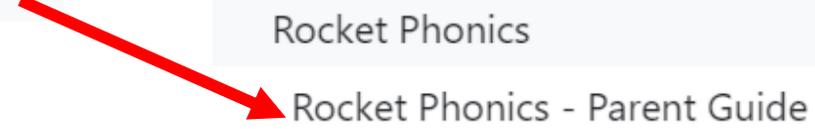
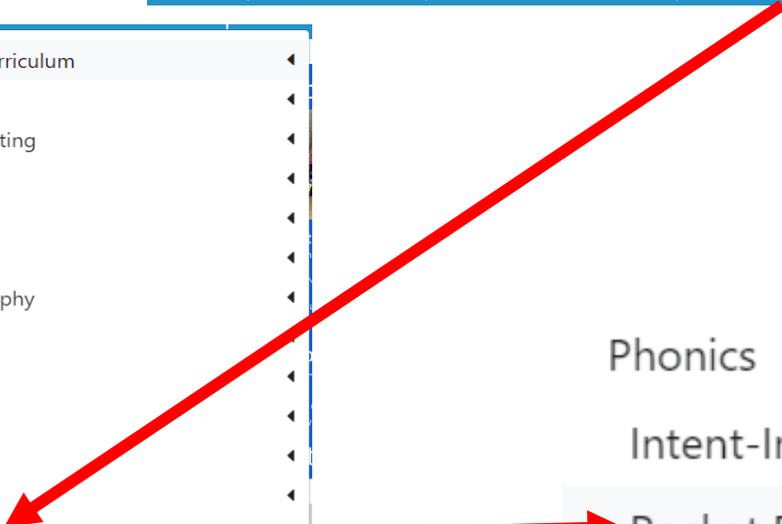
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*Questions*



Thank you for attending  
this meeting and hope  
you found  
it useful.

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