## Monday 14 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ November 2022

The family of St Agnes loves, learns and grows together as followers of Jesus.

## What are we going to cover?

- What is Phonics?
- Why is Phonics Important?
- What is Essential Letters and Sounds?
- Curriculum Focus
- Being a Successful Reader
- How we teach phonics
- Supporting your child with reading at home
- Pronouncing pure sounds



## What is Phonics?

A method of teaching beginners to read and pronounce words by learning to associate letters or letter groups with the sounds they represent.

There are 44 main sounds in the English Language. Each sound is represented by a grapheme (the written representation of a sound). There are over 175 common ways to spell words.


## What is Phonics?

Phoneme: the smallest single identifiable sound in a word. For example, in the word 'cat' there are three phonemes $c / a / t$.

Grapheme: the written representation of a sound.
GPC - This is short for Grapheme Phoneme Correspondence. Knowing a GPC means being able to match a phoneme to a grapheme and vice versa.

Digraph: two letters making one sound. For example, /sh/ in the word 'shop'.

Trigraph: three letters making one sound. For example, /igh/ in the word 'night'.
Split digraph: two vowel letters split but are split by one or more consonants. For example, /a-e/ in the word 'cake'.
Oral Blending - hearing phonemes and being able to merge them together to make a word. Children need to develop this skill before they will be able to blend written words.
Oral Segmenting - This is the act of hearing a whole word and then splitting it up into the phonemes that make it. Children need to develop this skill penfore they will be able to segment words to spell them.

## Why is it impo

"Research shows that when phonics is taught in a structured way starting with the easiest sounds and progressing through to the most complex - it is the most effective way of teaching young children to read. It is particularly helpful for children aged 5 to 7 .

Almost all children who receive good teaching of phonics will learn the skills they need to tackle new words. They can then go on to read any kind of text fluently and confidently, and to read for enjoyment." (DfE, 2013)
'...systematic phonics is an essential part of the initial reading instruction' (Bowers, Jan, 2020). Getting all children to read well, quickly.

Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS) is our chosen phonics programme

Children will experience the joy of books and language whilst rapidly acquiring the skills they need to become fluent independent readers and writers.

Essential Letters and Sounds includes rich vocabulary through mnemonics and rhymes.

## Curriculum Focus

- Focus on children reading widely, for pleasure and meaning.
- Emphasis on accurate spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Presence of phonics as a route to support children in becoming fluent readers.


## Being

Phonics - decoding by blending the sounds in words to read them. This involves looking at a written word, looking at each grapheme and using knowledge of GPCs to work out which phoneme each grapheme corresponds to and then merging these phonemes together to make a word. This is the basis of reading.
Reading comprehension- need to read the text, process it and understand its meaning
Language comprehension- understand what the word means within the context it appears

## Two

- Blending - This involves looking at a written word, looking at each grapheme and using knowledge of GPCs to work out which phoneme each grapheme represents and then merging these phonemes together to make a word. This is the basis of reading.

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c-a-t \quad c a t
$$

- Segmenting - This involves hearing a word, splitting it up into the phonemes that make it, using knowledge of GPCs to work out which graphemes represent those phonemes and then writing those graphemes down in the right order. This is the basis of spelling.

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\operatorname{dog} d-0-9
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## How do we teach phonics?

- Direct, focused phonics is taught every day from the start of Reception
- We use a simple, consistent approach to teaching phonics.
- Mnemonics and rhymes are used to support learning and recall
- Repetition is a key element of Essential Letters and sounds; the repetitive structure of the lesson, repeating sounds, repeating phrases


## How do we teach phonics?

- Phonics throughout the day to review new sounds \& graphemes taught
- Lots of opportunities for oral blending-/c/ /oa/ $/ \dagger$ / , overlearning and repeated exposure
- We teach the 'code' for reading, alongside teaching vocabulary.



## How do we teach phonics?

## Teach

These objects all have the /ng/ sound in.

ng ... ng ... ring
$\mathrm{ng} . . . \mathrm{ng} . .$. wing
ng ... ng ... sing


## How do we teach phonics?

Read the sentence. Click on the icon to reveal the picture.

## Her friend said it was sweater weather.



## What does a Phoni look like?

Revisit/review

Teach
Review previously taught sounds and graphemes. Drum roll for new phoneme
Teach new phoneme using Interactive whiteboard resource, my turn, your turn approach

Practise formation of phoneme, modelling, air writing. Harder to read and spell words; say the word, stretch the word, robot arms

Apply
Apply the learning and practise in ELS books be a phoneme spotter, spot harder to read and spell words, read sentences/captions, write harder to read and spell words

## ELS Progression

| Phase 1* | Phase 2 | Phase $3^{* * *}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nursery/Pre-School <br> Seven aspects: <br> - Environmental sounds <br> - Instrumental sounds <br> - Body percussion <br> - Rhythm and rhyme <br> - Alliteration <br> - Voice sounds <br> - Oral blending | Reception Autumn 1 <br> - Oral blending <br> - Sounding out and blending with 23 new graphemephoneme correspondences (GPCs) <br> - 12 new harder to read and spell (HRS) words | Reception Autumn 2, Spring 1 and Spring 2 <br> - Oral blending <br> - Sounding out and blending with 29 new GPCs <br> - 32 new HRS words <br> - Revision of Phase 2 |

## ELS Progression

Phase 4**

## Reception Summer 1

- Oral blending
- No new GPCs
- No new HRS words
- Word structures - cvcc, ccve, ccvcc, cccvc, cccvcc
- Suffixes
- Revision of Phase 2 and Phase 3

Phase 5 including alternatives and lesser-known GPCs

## Reception Summer 2

- Introduction to Phase 5 for reading
- 20 new GPCs
- 16 new HRS words

Year 1 Autumn 1 and 2

- Revision of previously taught Phase 5 GPCs
- 2 new GPCs
- 9 new HRS words

Year 1 Spring 1 and 2

- Alternative spellings for previously taught sounds
- 49 new GPCs
- 4 new HRS words
- Oral blending
- Revision of Phase 2, Phase 3 and Phase 4


## Beyond Phase 5

Year 1 Summer, Year 2 and Key Stage 2

- With ELS, phonics teaching does not stop at the end of Year 1, but continues as children move through the school, with links being made between their GPC knowledge and spelling
- Revision of all previously taught GPCs for reading and spelling
- Wider reading, spelling and writing curriculum


## Reception Autumn 1

Children learn 20 new Phoneme/grapheme correspondences or GPCs and 14 harder to read and spell words

- Set 1:
- Set 2:
- Set 3:
- Set 4:
- Set 5:

S
a
n

m

$c \quad k$

- Harder to read and spell words: eg he, she, me, we
- High Frequency Words: is, it, in, at, and
- Children are secure if they know how to read at least a quarter of the HFW
- Sounding out and blending words/ captions: a cat on a bed, a hug and a kiss, me then you approach
- Reading and spelling VC (vowel-consonant) words, e.g. am, and CVC words, e.g. cat/ dog.


## Phase Three

Autumn 2 Reception: Children learn 28 new grapheme/phoneme correspondences GPCs and 18 harder to read and spell words

- Set 6: $\mathbf{j} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{w} \times$
- Set 7: y z/zz qu
- Digraphs (2 sounds together to make 1) and trigraphs (3 sounds together to make 1):
- ch (chip)
ar (farm)
or (for)
ur (hurt)
ow (cow)
oi (coin)
ear (dear)
air (fair)
ure (sure)
er (corner)
https://vimeo.com/753931102/b9a2f8194f


## Summer 1: Reception

- Children master what they have learnt and now develop an understanding of words with a longer structure.
- Practise recognition and recall of Phase 2+3 letters and sounds.
- Practise reading and spelling CVC words.
- Teach and practise reading CVCC words (consonant-vowel-consonant-consonant),/ CCVC words e.g. shop, chip, kiss.
- Harder to read and spell words: he, she, we, me, be, said, so, have, like, some, come, was, you, were, there, little, one, they, all, are, do, when, out, what, my, her.
- Secure if the children can read half of the HFW
- Practise reading and spelling high frequency words.
- Practise reading and spelling sentences.



## Phase Five

Summer 2 Reception: Revise Phase 3,4,5 Autumn 1 Year 1
Autumn 1 Year 1: 16 new GPCs
Autumn 2 Year 1: 29 new harder to read and spell words

- Practise recognition and recall of Phase $2,3+5$ letters and sounds as they are learnt.
- Teach new digraphs:
- ay (day) oy (boy) wh (when) a-e (make)
- ou (out) ir (girl) ph (photo) e-e (these)
- ie (tie) ue (blue) ew (new) i-e (like)
- ea (eat) aw (saw) oe (toe) o-e (home)
- zh (treasure) au (Paul) u-e (rule)
- Practise more complex words
- Learn and practise different pronunciations of sounds ( $y$ - by, very, yes)
- Practise reading and spelling high frequency words and tricky words.
- Practise reading and writing new words and sentences.


Phoneme Frame - Segmenting

| WORD | PHONEMES |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| flush | f | l | u | sh |  |
| pinch |  |  |  |  |  |
| stump |  |  |  |  |  |
| string |  |  |  |  |  |
| French |  |  |  |  |  |
| camp |  |  |  |  |  |
| brush |  |  |  |  |  |
| splash |  |  |  |  |  |
| milk |  |  |  |  |  |
| strap |  |  |  |  |  |
| sand |  |  |  |  |  |
| shrink |  |  |  |  |  |
| shelf |  |  |  |  |  |
| press |  |  |  |  |  |
| cliff |  |  |  |  |  |
| wink |  |  |  |  |  |
| split |  |  |  |  |  |
| print |  |  |  |  |  |
| flick |  |  |  |  |  |
| left |  |  |  |  |  |


| WORD | PHONEMES |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| flush | $f$ | 1 | 4 | sh |  |
| pinch | p | 1 | $n$ | ch |  |
| stump | $s$ | $t$ | $u$ | m | p |
| string | $s$ | $t$ | $r$ | i | ng |
| French | F | $r$ | e | $n$ | ch |
| camp | c | a | m | P |  |
| brush | b | $r$ | u | sh |  |
| splash | $s$ | P | 1 | a | sh |
| milk | m | i | 1 | k |  |
| strap | 5 | $\dagger$ | $r$ | a | p |
| sand | $s$ | a | $n$ | d |  |
| shrink | sh | $r$ | i | $n$ | k |
| shelf | sh | $e$ | 1 | $f$ |  |
| press | P | $r$ | e | SS |  |
| cliff | C | 1 | i | ff |  |
| wink | W | 1 | n | k |  |
| split | $S$ | P | 1 | 1 | $\dagger$ |
| print | P | $r$ | i | n | $\dagger$ |
| flick | $f$ | 1 | i | ck |  |
| left | 1 | e | $f$ | $\dagger$ |  |

## Sound buttons - blending

Can you add dots (graphemes) and dashes (digraphs and trigraphs) to the words below?
quick
shop
it
deck
tent
chip
jam
cat
string
been

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| Letter | 5 b - Alternative pronunciation |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a | /a/ | /ai/ | /0/ | /ar/ |
| e | \|e| | lee/ |  |  |
| i | /i/ | /ie/ |  |  |
| 0 | 101 | /oa/ |  |  |
| $u$ | /u/ | /ue/ | 100/ |  |
| ow | lou/ | loa/ |  |  |
| ie | /igh/ | lee/ |  |  |
| ea | lee/ | lel |  |  |
| er | ler/ | /ur/ |  |  |
| ou | /ow/ | /oa/ | /00/ |  |
| $y$ | /y/ | /ie/ | /i/ | lee/ |
| ch | /ch/ | /c/ | /sh/ |  |
| c | /c/ | /s/ |  |  |
| 9 | /g/ | /j/ |  |  |
| ey | lee/ | /ai/ |  |  |

## Alternative pronunciations

Spring 1 and Spring 2: Year 1
a - blaming, was, list, dad, acorn, want, that, back, baker, after, c nt, can, blazing, had, baking, what, pl nt,f st
c- dice, come, can, cell, face, came, ace, called, cent
$y$ - every, yes, gym, fl , who, very, mystery, yard, yap, b, yam, $m$, cylinder, baby, floppy

|  | 5 C alternative spelling |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| /ay/ |  |  |  |  |  | ai |  | a |  |  | ey |
| lee/ | e_e |  | ee | $y$ |  | ea |  | e |  | ie | ey |
| /igh/ |  |  |  |  |  | i_e |  | igh |  |  | i |
| /oa/ |  |  |  |  |  | oa |  | - |  |  |  |
| /(y)00/\&/00/ | ue | 00 |  | U_e |  | ew |  | 00 |  | oul | $u$ |
| /or/ | or |  | aw |  | au |  | a |  | our |  | al |
| /ur/ | ur |  | er |  |  | ear |  | or |  |  |  |
| /ch/ | ture |  | tch |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| /j/ | dge |  | ge |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| /z/ | se |  | ze |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| /s/ | se |  | ce |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| /n/ | gn |  | kn |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| /ul | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| /ar/ | ar |  | a |  |  | al |  |  |  |  |  |
| /air/ | air |  | ere |  |  | ear |  | are |  |  |  |
| /ear/ | ear |  | ere |  |  | eer |  |  |  |  |  |
| /m/ | mb |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| /r/ | wr |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| /sh/ | cial |  | tion |  |  | ssion |  | ch |  |  | $s$ |
| /zh/ | sion |  | sure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Alternative Spelling

| /ay/ | a_e <br> came <br> made <br> age |  | ay day away may | ai <br> aid <br> gain <br> rain | a acorn baker later | ey <br> they <br> grey <br> prey |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| lee/ | e_e <br> these <br> theme | ee see been green sleep | $y$ (end) very baby every only | ea <br> each <br> eat <br> sea | e <br> be she me we even | ie brief chief field | ey key donkey valley |
| /igh/ | ie cried die lie pie |  | $y$ <br> by <br> my fly why | i_e <br> like time inside white | igh <br> night <br> right <br> bright <br> fright | i find giant I'm |  |

## Phase

- The purpose of this phase is to consolidate all previous knowledge and skills acquired in previous phases. Children should know most of the common phonemes and graphemes and read a range of words. Children will learn to become fluent readers and accurate spellers. The focus is on learning spelling rules for suffixes and tenses.

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\begin{array}{lccc}
-s & \text {-es } & \text {-ing } & \text {-ed } \\
- \text { er } & \text {-est } & -y & \text {-en } \\
\text {-ful } & \text {-ly } & \text {-ment } & \text {-ness }
\end{array}
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|  | Suffix | Base word | Base word and suffix |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | s/ es | Singular noun dress, pot, leaf | Plural dresses, pots, leaves |
| 2 |  | Verb (I) eat, drink, push, go | Verb (he, she, it) eats, drinks, pushes, goes |
| 3 | ed | Simple present tense want, live, shred | Simple past tense (regular verbs) wanted, lived, shredded |
| 4 | ing | simple present tense hope, hop, cry | Present continuous tense hoping, hopping, crying |
| 5 | er | Adjective big, hairy, cold | Comparative adjective bigger, hairier, colder |
| 6 |  | Verb run, read, listen | Noun runner, reader, listener |
| 7 | est | Adjective big, hairy, cold | Superlative biggest, hairiest, coldest |
| 8 | ness | Adjective happy, kind, cold | Noun (describing state, condition or quality) happiness, kindness, coldness |
| 9 | ment | Verb agree, entertain, amaze | Noun (describing condition, result or act of doing something) agreement, entertainment, amazement |
| 10 | $y$ | Noun hair, bone | Adjective hairy, bony |
| 11 | ly | Adjective kind, loud, sudden | Adverb kindly, loudly, suddenly |
| 12 |  | Noun week, time | Adverb weekly, timely |
| 13 | ful | Noun thought, hope, taste, power | Adjective thoughtful, hopeful, tasteful, powerful |
| 14 | en | Adjective flat, loose, soft | Verb <br> flatten, loosen, soften |
| 15 | less | Noun power, fear, hope, penny | Adjective Powerless, fearless, hopeless, penniless |

## Sound buttons - blending

Can you add dots (graphemes), dashes (digraphs and trigraphs) and dives (split digraphs) to the words below?
these
came phone
cube
boat
blue

## Sound Button - Answers

these
came
phone


## Supporting your child with reading at

 home- Only 1 in 3 children are read a bedtime story every night
- Reading a bedtime story every night to your child improves their outcomes
- If your child views themselves as a 'good reader' when they leave Primary School they are more likely to earn a higher salary in their 40s.



## Supporting your child with reading at

 home- Children are only reading from books that are entirely decodable
- Your child should be able to read their book confidently
- We only use pure sounds when decoding words (no 'uh' after the sound)
- We want them to practise reading their book 4 times across the week working on these skills: decode fluency expression


## New Decodable Phonic Books to match Essential Letters and Sounds



Grabe \& Stroller, 2019:

'....the ability to read fluently is extraordinary, in fact, it is miraculous'

## Pronouncing pure sounds

We must use pure sounds when we are pronouncing the sounds and supporting children in reading words.
$c$ a $t$ not cuh a tuh
If we mispronounce these sounds we will make reading harder for our children.
https://vimeo.com/753929025/5eaa45c0aa

-REMEMBER: Phonics is not the only skill needed to become a fluent reader.

- Please continue to immerse your child in a love of reading. Ensure you read with your child each night and encourage them to:
- Apply their phonic skills
-Encourage your child to 'sound out' when reading or writing. Focusing particularly on spotting more unusual sound patterns. Eg cow, night, spine.
-For reading unfamiliar words encourage children to draw sound buttons, stretch the word, use robot arms
- Encourage children to use phoneme fingers to help segment words for spellings
-Re-read to check if the text makes sense.
\& Reading ©oos
- Ask and answer questions about the book.
-Use online games on www.phonicsplay.co.uk to read real and pseudo words. -Make full use of Reading Eggs
- Make full use of Fast Phonics


## Correct articulation of the phonemes


https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=mr+thorne+does+phonics+ai\&\&view=detail\&mi d=CB4F2E89C1418CDE8270CB4F2E89C1418CDE8270\&\&FORM=VRDGAR

We continue at Saint Agnes' to strive to work together with you as parents to provide the best learning for your child.

Thank you for attending this morning.

## Questions? <br> 

