

Welcome to our phonics  
information sharing session  
10.1.23



# Phonics

How we teach phonics at Holy Cross.



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What is Phonics?

- ▶ Phonics is a way of teaching children how to read and write.
- ▶ It helps children hear, identify and use different sounds that distinguish one word from another in the English language

# Did you know?

The English language has:-

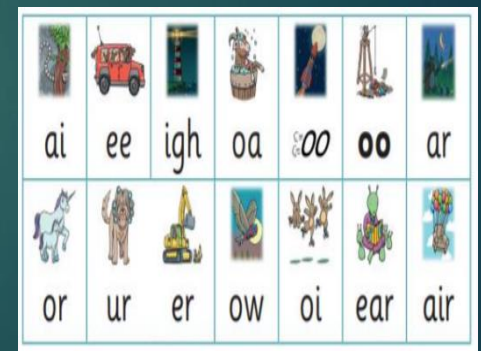
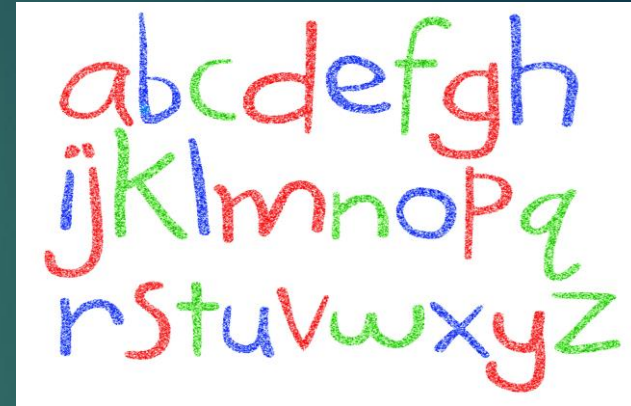
▶ 26 letters



▶ 44 sounds

▶ Over 100 different ways to spell

▶ those sounds



# New DFE Guidance for Early Reading and Phonics

The journey to independent reading and writing begins  
with Phonics

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## Why Little Wandle?

Excellent training for all staff to ensure consistency.

Every aspect of phonics and reading included in a detailed, thorough and systematic approach.

Engaging resources without distracting from the learning.

Comprehensive system for identifying and supporting children requiring extra help

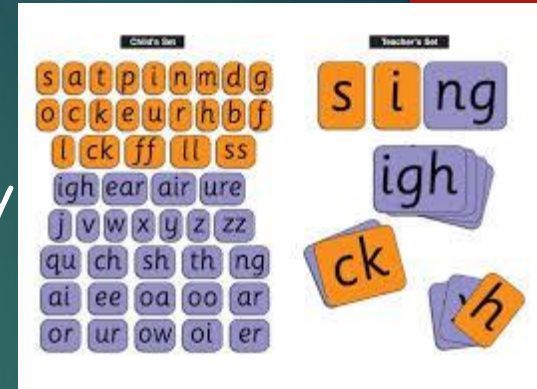
Useful support for parents.

# How we teach phonics

Daily short sessions

Currently in Y1 we are trying to catch up by having 2 phonics sessions a day

Specific order of teaching

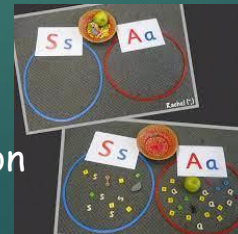


Synthetic phonics **m-u-s-t** Correct pronunciation is vital - Videos on LW

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Repeated practice

Revisit previously taught sounds at start of each lesson



Practice makes permanent

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sheep in a jeep



zoom to the moon



hook a book

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# Jargon

You may hear your children say....

**-phonics** (also known as 'synthetic phonics') - The teaching of reading by developing awareness of the sounds in words and the corresponding letters used to represent those sounds.

**phoneme** - Any one of the 44 sounds which make up words in the English language.

**-grapheme** - How a phoneme is written down. There can be more than one way to spell a phoneme. E.g-the phoneme 'ay' is spelt differently in each of the words 'way', 'make', 'fail', 'great', 'sleigh' and 'lady'.

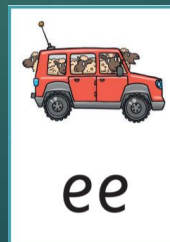
**-blending** - Putting together the sounds in a word in order to read it, e.g.

'f - r - o - g, frog'

**-segmenting** - Breaking a word into sounds in order to spell them, e.g. 'frog, f - r - o - g'

**-Digraph-** 2 letters making one sound

**-Trigraph-** 3 letters making one sound



# Help your child with reading

## I Spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

## Ask Questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

## Make it Fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

## Be Seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books and magazines at easy reach.

## Get Out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

## Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

## Go Online

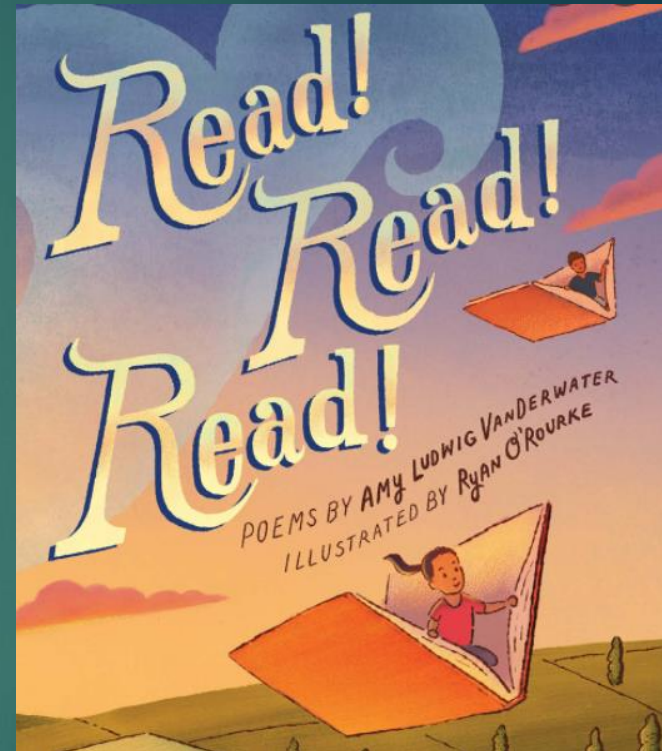
Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

## Make Space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

## Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels...  
anything that is close to hand!



Date for the Diary-

Phonics Screening check

w/c 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Thank you for joining us

Questions ???

