



**A COMPLETE PHONICS RESOURCE  
TO SUPPORT CHILDREN**

# **Reading in Dolphins Class**

**What to expect in Autumn 1 and beyond.**



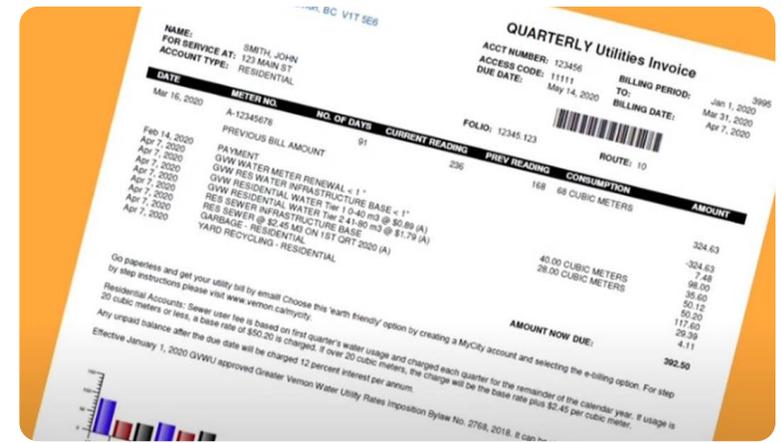
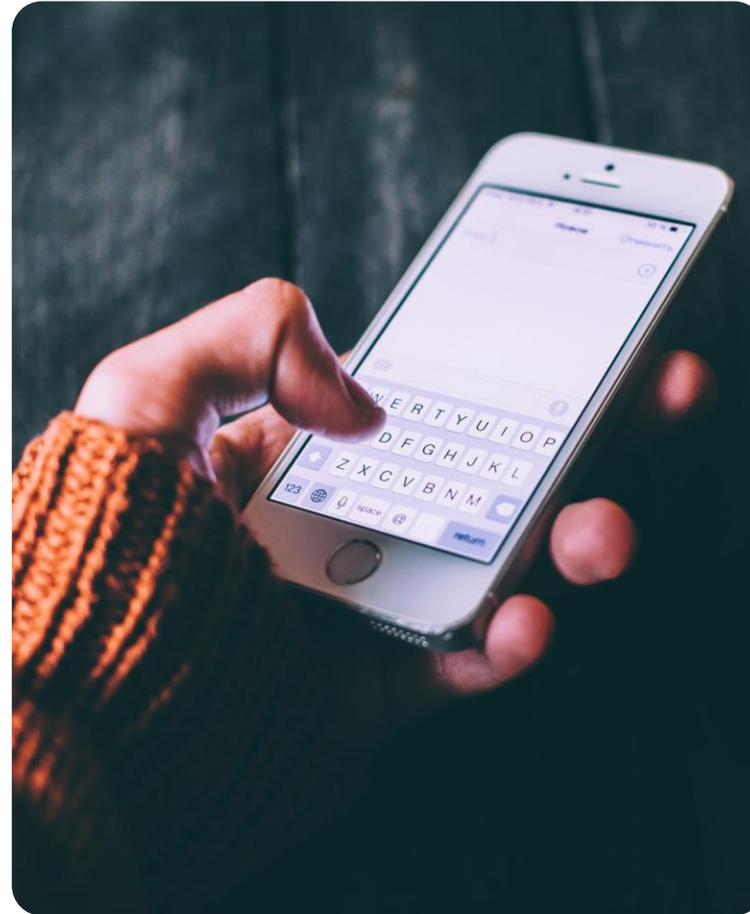


**A love of reading is the biggest indicator  
of future academic success.**

OECD (The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)



# How many times have you already read today?





# Phonics



**Phonics is:**

**making connections between the sounds  
of our spoken words and the letters that  
are used to write them down.**



# Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

Our school has chosen *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* as our Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) programme to teach early reading and spelling.



# This term we are teaching Phase 2



- These are the first group of letters and sounds your child will learn.
- We start teaching phonics in week 2.
- This starts with building routines and practising listening skills. It's important to do this before we start learning sounds.
- The lessons are fun, interactive, engaging and have been designed to gradually build over time.



# We teach Phase 2 in this order



## Phase 2 grapheme information sheet

### Autumn 1

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
 s	 snake	Show your teeth and let the s hiss out <b>sssss sssss</b>	Under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.
 a	 astronaut	Open your mouth wide and make the 'a' sound at the back of your mouth <b>aaa</b>	Around the astronaut's helmet, and down into space.
 t	 tiger	Open your lips; put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press <b>ttt</b>	From the tiger's nose to its tail, then follow the stripe across the tiger.
 p	 penguin	Bring your lips together and push them open and say <b>ppp</b>	Down the penguin's back, up and round its head.
 i	 iguana	pull your lips back and make the 'i' sound at the back of your mouth <b>iii</b>	Down the iguana's body, then draw a dot (on the leaf) at the top.
 n		Open your lips a bit, put your tongue behind your teeth and make the <b>nnnnn</b> sound <b>nnnnn</b>	Down the stick, up and over the net.

## Phase 2 grapheme information sheet

### Autumn 2

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
 j	 jellyfish	Pucker your lips and show your teeth use your tongue as you say <b>jjj</b>	All the way down the jellyfish. Dot on its head.
 v	 volcano	Put your teeth against your bottom lip and make a buzzing <b>vvvv vvvv</b>	Down to the bottom of the volcano, and back up to the top.
 w	 wave	Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say <b>www</b>	From the top of the wave to the bottom, up the wave, down the wave, then up again.
 x	 box	Mouth open then push the <b>cs/x</b> sound through as you close your mouth <b>cs cs cs (x x x)</b>	Start at the top, then across to the bottom of the box. Start at the top, then across to the bottom of the box.
		Smile, tongue to the top of your mouth, say <b>n</b> without	Down and round the yo-yo, then follow the string sound

Each time we learn a new sound, I will add an update to Tapestry so that you can help your child practise recognising and saying these sounds at home.

# Let's say the Phase 2 sounds



 s ss	 t tt	 p pp	 n nn	 m mm	 d dd	 g gg	 c k ck cc	 r rr
 h	 b bb	 f ff	 l ll	 j	 v vv	 w	 x	 y
 z zz s	 qu	 ch	 sh	 th	 ng	 nk		

 a	 e	 i	 o	 u
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Notice that these are 'pure' sounds. Instead of 'muh', we say 'mmmmm'. This helps with blending later on.



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 1



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 2

# Terminology



**Phoneme**

**Grapheme**

**Digraph**

**Trigraph**

**Blend**

**Segment**

# We teach blending so your child learns to read

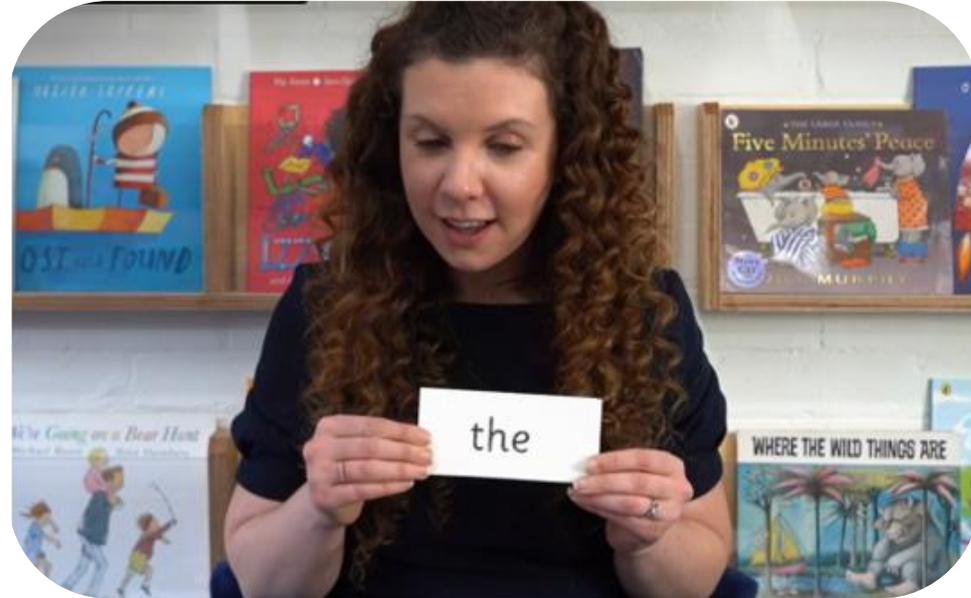


- Teacher-led blending is taught throughout Phase 2.
- Our aim to is to teach every child to blend by Christmas (but remember, every child is different and some will take a little longer to pick this skill up than others).
- We will inform you if your child needs additional practice.



# Tricky words

- These words have unusual spellings e.g. he, the, was.
- They are taught in a systematic way.
- In Phase 2 children will learn the following tricky words:  
is, I, the, put, pull, full, as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me, be.



Every half term I will send home a crib sheet showing you all of the tricky words we will learn. Practise these with your child daily if you can.

These words are VERY hard to learn (hence the name!), so regular practice is extremely important.



# Reading and spelling

# Spelling



- Your child will be taught how to spell simple words, using the graphemes they have been taught.
- They will practise the correct formation of letters.

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# How do we teach spelling?



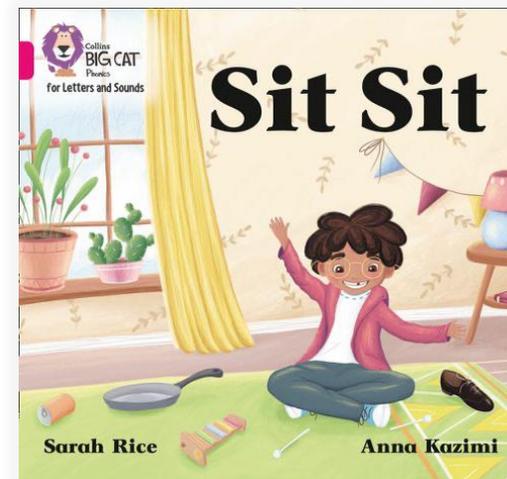
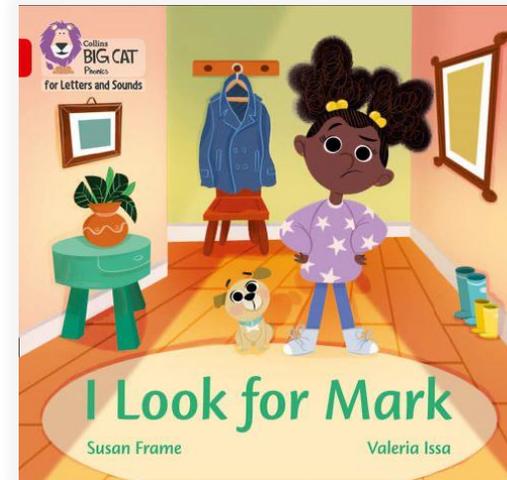
- Say the word.
- Segment the sounds.
- Count the sounds.
- Write them down.



# How do we practise reading in books?

## Reading practice sessions are:

- timetabled twice a week
- taught in small groups
- towards the end of this month the children will bring their first reading book home.
- each week the children will receive a new reading book (Mondays)
- children will also receive an e-book log in.



# How do we find the right book for your child?

## Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised Reception Child assessment

### Autumn 1

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s	g	k	u	h
i	t	n	r	f
d	ck	e	b	l

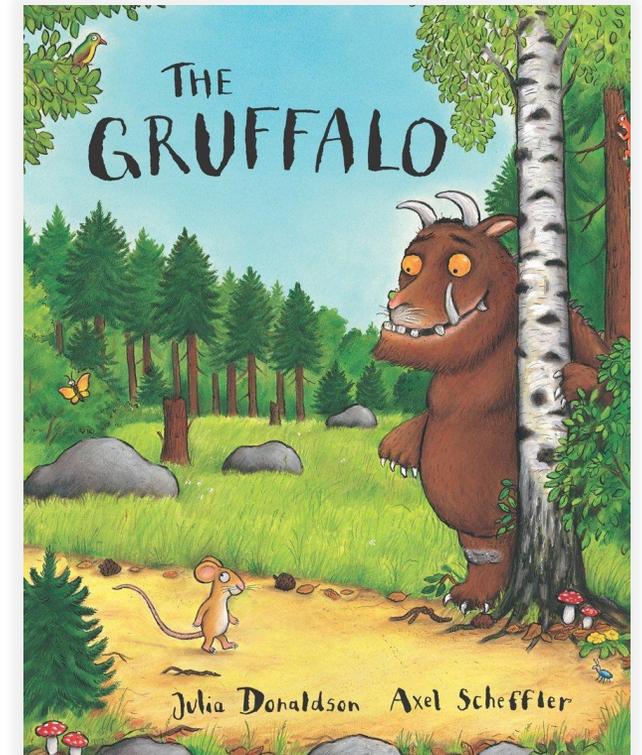
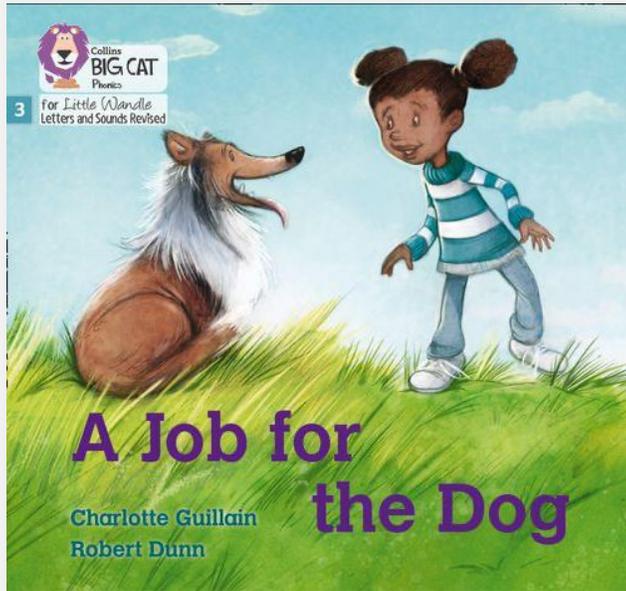
sat    man    hug    red    peck





# Reading at home

# Books going home



# Listening to your child read their phonics book

- Your child should be able to read their book without your help.
- They might sound out words and blend them before they read them fluently.
- If they can't read a word, read it to them.
- Talk about the book and celebrate their success.



# Reading a wordless books

Wordless books are invaluable as they teach reading behaviours and early reading skills to children who are not blending – yet!

- Talk about the pictures.
- Point to the images in the circles and find them on the page.
- Encourage your child to make links from the book to their experiences.
- Have fun making up your own stories to match the pictures.

These books are all about confidence building and creating positive associations with school reading books. This is so important.



# Read to your child



## The shared book is for YOU to read:

- Each Friday the children will visit the school library and choose a book to bring home for the week (starting a couple of weeks before half term).
- They will not be able to read this book – it’s for you to enjoy with them.
- Make the story sound as exciting as you can by changing your voice.
- Talk with your child as much as you can:
  - Introduce new and exciting language.
  - Encourage your child to use new vocabulary.
  - Make up sentences together.
  - Find different words to use.
  - Describe things you see.



# The most important thing you can do is read with your child

**Reading a book and chatting has a positive impact in just one year on children's ability to...**

- understand words and sentences
- use a wide range of vocabulary
- develop listening comprehension skills.

The amount of books children are exposed to by age 6 is a positive predictor of their reading ability two years later.





**One of the greatest gifts adults can  
give is to read to children**

Carl Sagan

