



Supporting your child with Phonics and Reading

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Aims

- To share how phonics is taught at King Ina Academy.
- To teach the basics of phonics and some useful terms.
- To develop confidence in helping your child with phonics and reading.



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Phonics

As a school we follow the Bug Club Phonics scheme.
This is a synthetic phonics framework that is approved by
the Department for Education.

It sets out a suggested scheme of teaching children the
sounds and the letters of the alphabet in order to segment
and blend.

These are the necessary skills required to decode words to
read and write.

Bug Club Phonics starts in Phase one which begins in
Nursery and progresses through Key Stage 1 until all
Phases are complete (1-6).

Phonics is about...



Knowledge of the alphabetic code

Skills of segmenting and blending

Terms your child will learn

- ▶ Digraph: Two letters that make one sound when read.
- ▶ Trigraph: Three letters that make one sound.
- ▶ Segmenting: is breaking up a word into its sounds.
- ▶ Blending: Putting the sounds together to read a word
- ▶ Tricky words: Words that cannot be decoded. We learn these from sight as a whole word.
- ▶ Alien word/Nonsense word: Words that are not real.

Phoneme – smallest unit of sound in a word.

Grapheme – a letter or sequence of letters that represent a phoneme.

Letters and Sounds



s a t p i n m d g o c k
c k e u r h b f ff l ll ss

j v w x y z zz qu
sh th ch ng ai ee oo oo
oa ar or igh ur ow oi ear
er air ure

Phonemes can be represented by 1, 2 or more letters.

c
●

sh

igh



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Phase 2

Sound Mat



s



ss



a



t



p



i



n



m



d



g



o



c



k



ck



e



u



r



h



b



f



ff



l




ll



Phase 3

Sound Mat



j 	v 	w 	x 	y 	z 	zz 	qu 	ch 
sh 	th 	ng 	ai 	ee 	igh 	oa 	oo 	oo 
ar 	or 	ur 	er 	ow 	oi 	ear 	air 	ure 



Sounds should be articulated clearly and precisely

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc&t=4s>





Phonics Bug Club is taught through 6 phases from Nursery to Year 2

Phase 1: Explores environmental sounds and how sounds are produced.

Phase 2: Introduces the first 19 phonemes

Phase 3: Explores the next 26 phonemes

Phase 4: Consolidation unit where we explore blending, and segmenting .

Phase 5: Explores alternative pronunciations of graphemes

Phase 6 : Consolidation of all previously taught phonemes

For more information please refer to the Phonics
Bug Club Guidance

How is Phonics taught in School?

- Every day the children have a 20-25 minute session of phonics.
- Fast paced approach.
- Lessons include a range of reading, spelling and writing.
- We build upon this knowledge throughout the school day.
- Additional interventions are provided for pupils.

Your child will learn to use the terms:

Blending is recognising the letter sounds in a written word, for example c-u-p, and merging or synthesising them in the order in which they are written to pronounce the word 'cup'.

Segmenting is identifying the individual sounds in a spoken word (e.g. 'him' = h – i - m) and writing down letters for each sound to form the word.



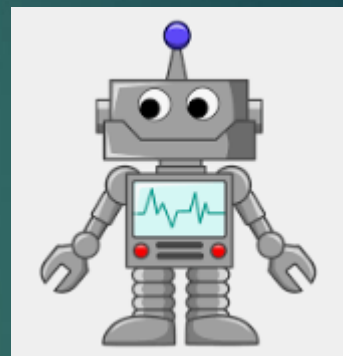
Children need to be able to **hear** the separate sounds in a word and then blend them together to **say** the whole word .

Segmenting for spelling

Phoneme Frame



Robot Arms



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Tricky Words

Words that cannot be sounded out. We learn these words from sight.

the	I	no
go	to	into

he	she	we
me	be	my
you	they	all
are	her	was
give	live	

said	so	have	like
come	some	were	there
little	one	do	when
out	what		



How can I help at home?



Make it Fun!

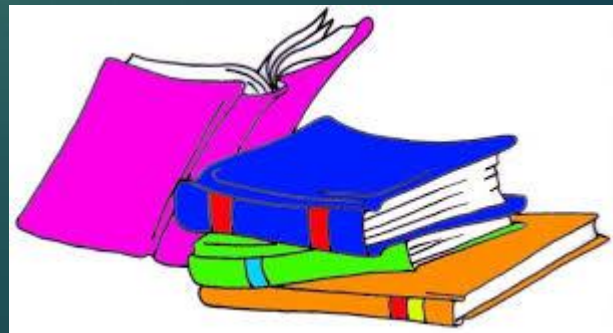
Most children learn best when they are doing something for a real purpose and because they want to, so playing games is an easy way to support their learning.



- Practise the sounds and tricky words together.



- Use them to make different words at home and play phonics games.
- Read everyday with your child if possible.



Home Reading

- ▶ In your child's book bag you will find :
- ▶ Reading record book.
- ▶ Reading book.
- ▶ Home learning wallet that includes taught sounds and tricky words.
- ▶ Bug club login and password.





Questions