

Phonics & Reading Information

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In school, we follow the Lesley Clarke Synthetic Phonics programme which has been validated by Department for Education and consists of Phonics Phases 2-6.

<https://www.lesleyclarkesynteticphonics.co.uk/>



Reading, and the teaching of early reading underpins everything we do in school. The importance of reading cannot be over-estimated.



TERMINOLOGY

Phoneme

Grapheme

Segmenting and blending

Digraph

Trigraph

Split digraph

Tricky Words



PHASE 1 (NURSERY)

- Including these strands:
- A1 - Environmental
- A2 - Instrumental sounds
- A3 - Body Percussion
- A4 - Rhythm and rhyme
- A5 - Alliteration
- A6 - Voice sounds




PHASE 2

- Set 1: s, a, t, p
- Set 2: i, n, m, d
- Set 3: g, o, c, k
- Set 4: ck, e, u, r
- Set 5: h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss



PHASE 3

- **Set 6:** j, v, w, x
 - **Set 7:** y, z, zz, qu
 - **Consonant digraphs:** ch, sh, th, ng
 - **Vowel digraphs:** ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er
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SEGMENTING

- Breaking down words for spelling/reading.

mat



SEGMENTING

- Breaking down words for spelling.

m a t .

SEGMENTING

- Remember to say the 'pure sound' not to add the 'uh' (schwa)

m a t

For more info see:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwJx1NSineE&t=181s> from 1m49s

SEGMENTING

queen



SEGMENTING

qu ee n



BLENDING

Building words from phonemes to read.

m a t

mat



BLENDING

qu ee n

queen



PHASE 4

- This phase consolidates all the children have learnt in the previous phases.



PHASE 5 (YEAR 1)

- Children will be taught new graphemes and alternative pronunciations for these
- Split digraphs: a_e, e_e, i_e, o_e, u_e - *mat & pip*
- Vowel digraphs: ay, ou, ie, ea, oy, ir, ue, aw, ew, oe, au, ey
- Consonant digraphs : wh, ph



PHASE 6(YEAR 2)

- The focus is on learning spelling rules for suffixes and prefixes

-s -es -ing -ed
-er -est -y -en
-ful -ly -ment -ness

-un -in -dis -mis
-auto -im -re



WHAT DOES A PHONICS LESSON LOOK LIKE?

Revisit/review	Flashcards to practice phonemes learnt so far.
Teach	Teach new phoneme eg. ph
Practice	What's in the box? phone, phonics, dolphin, key, boy
Apply	Write a Caption for a picture

EYFS ACTIVITY

Mrs Holdsworth



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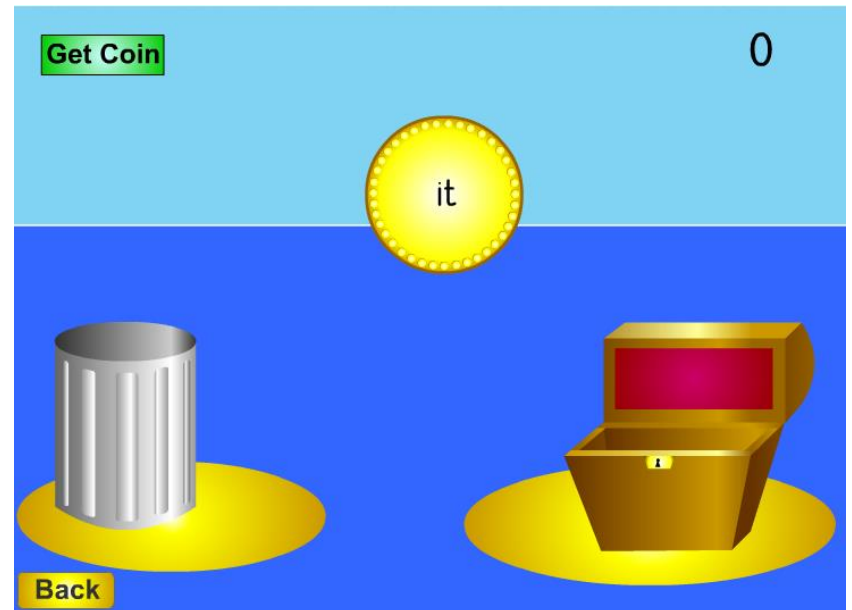
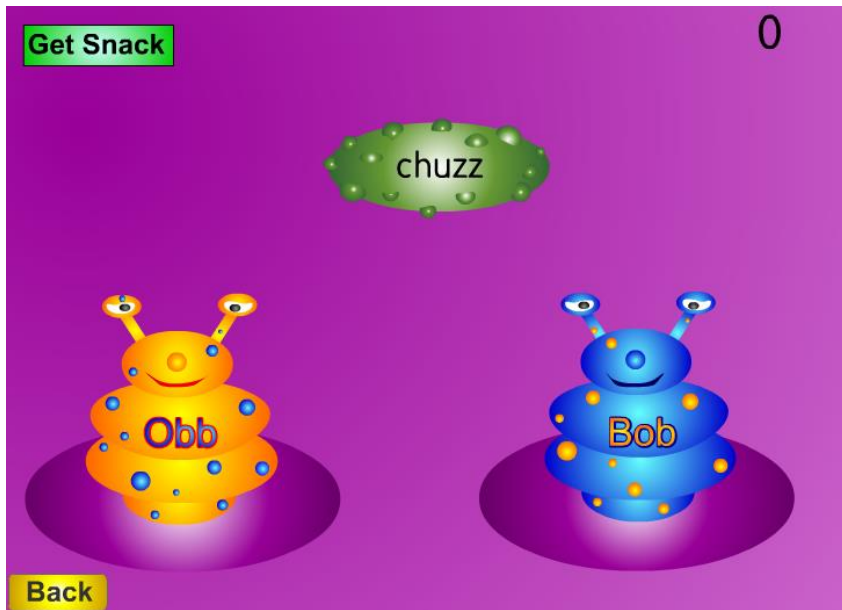
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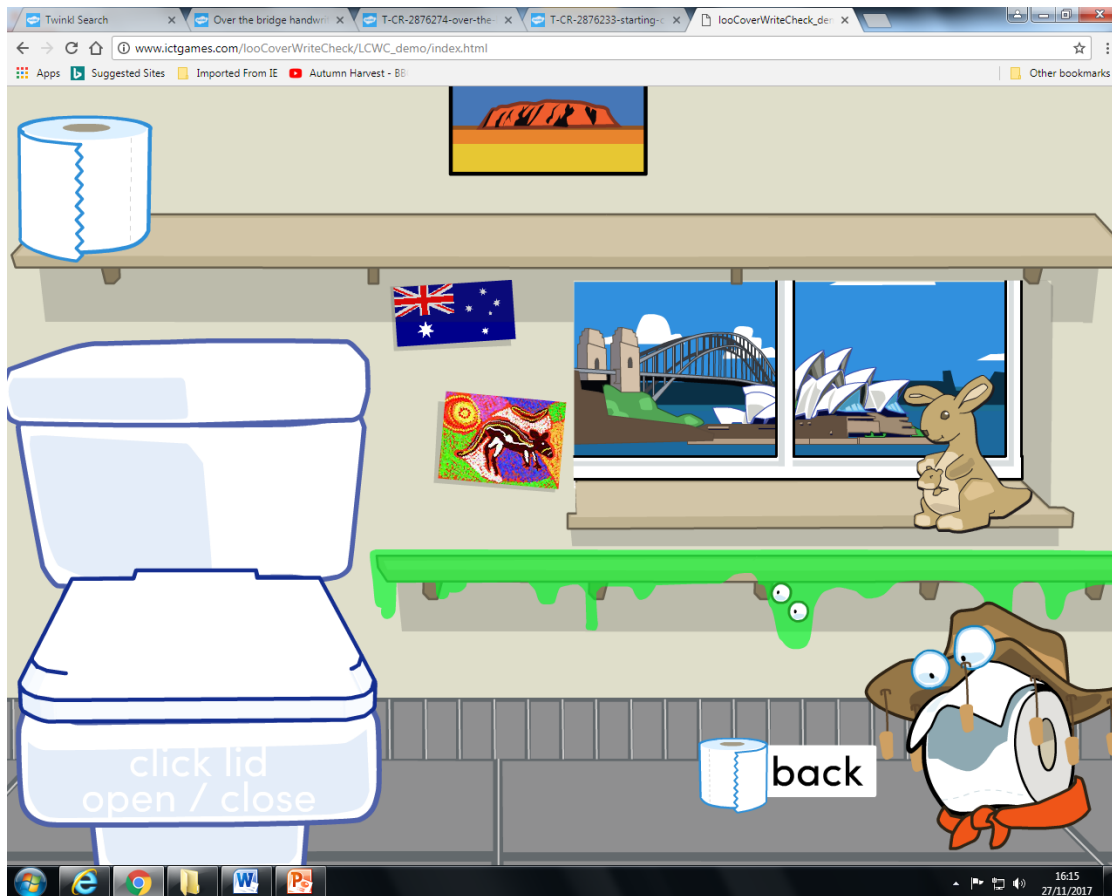
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<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>



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YEAR 1 PHONICS TEST

grit

start

best

hooks

blan



steck



hild



quemp



READING

*Books matched to phonics phases,
so 'colour bands' may overlap*

**Children should have books which
match their Phonics levels*

*Emphasis is upon child reading with
90% accuracy*

(See recent letter sent home)



READING

*Please hear your child read every day, and record it in the diary as they can qualify to become a reading rockstar - **Reading rocket certificates***

Share stories together to create a love of reading

