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Key Features of Effective Systematic Synthetic Phonics Practice at Alexandra Primary School

- Consistency
- Progression and pace
- Linking phonics to reading and writing
- Direct teaching
- Fast, repeated practise
- Use of fully decodable books
- Early identification of children in danger of falling behind
- Effective keep-up support

Consistency

- Pronunciation of phonemes:

A video with the correct pronunciation of phonemes can be found here:

<https://lettersandsounds.org.uk/for-home/overview>

- Use of terminology:

Consistent terminology is used with the children.

- Sequence and progression through Letters and Sounds:

Schemes of work are followed in Reception and Year 1 to cover Phase 2 -5. *See appendix.*

- Support materials used:

Twinkl, Giant Phonics, Phonics Play, Smart Kids.

Each class Nursery – Year 3 has an intervention box. These are the only resources to be used with the lowest 20% of readers.

- Teaching routines and mantras:

We use cued articulation as visual reminder for Phase 2 phonemes and some Phase 3 phonemes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMkSwIGK7G0>

We use images, real objects and Twinkl illustrations to build strong GPC knowledge.

Flashcard recall is fast paced and the 'pure' sounds are made by the adult and then repeated by the children. This avoids creating a chant/string of words and sounds.

Phoneme fingers are the main strategy for segmenting words/orally blending.

Sound buttons are the main strategy for blending to read.

Key Features of Effective Systematic Synthetic Phonics Practice at Alexandra Primary School

- **Links to Reading and Writing**

Links to phonics are made across the curriculum and applied throughout the school day. Children apply their knowledge of phonics through reading and writing on a daily basis. In Early Years this includes during their independent learning time throughout the environment.

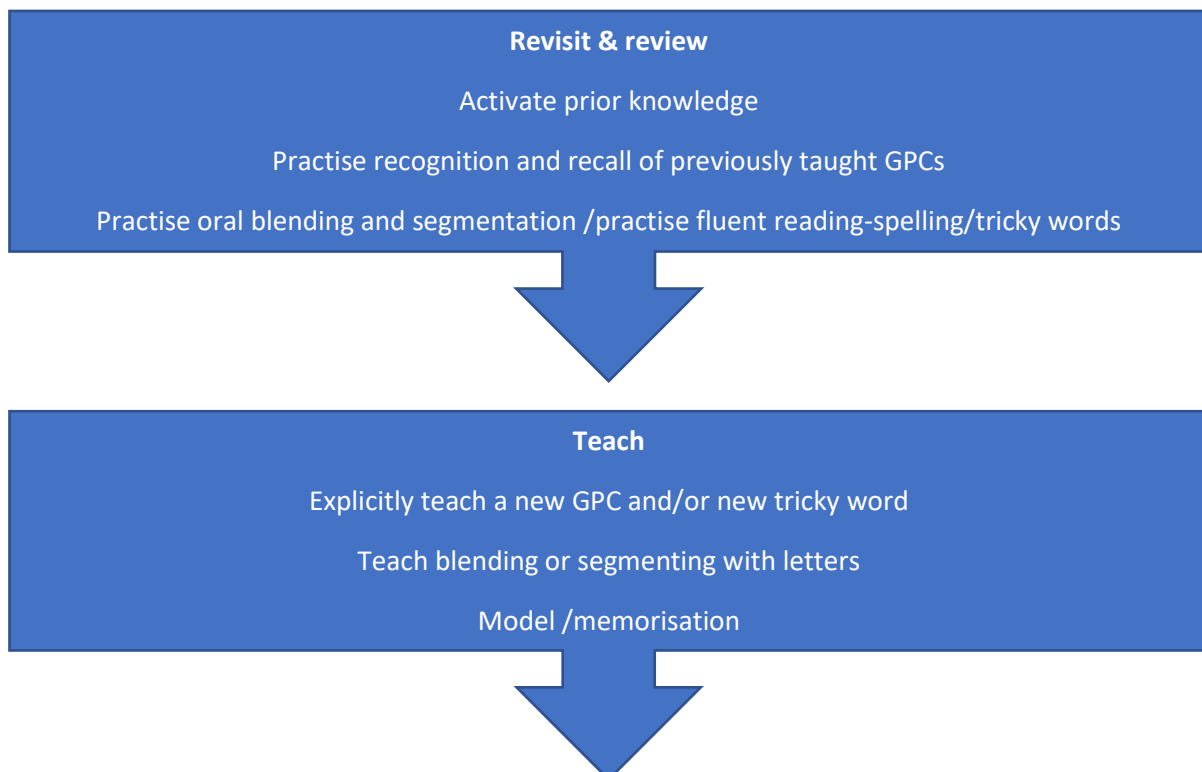
- **Teaching Sequence** (Direct Teaching, Fast, repeated practise):

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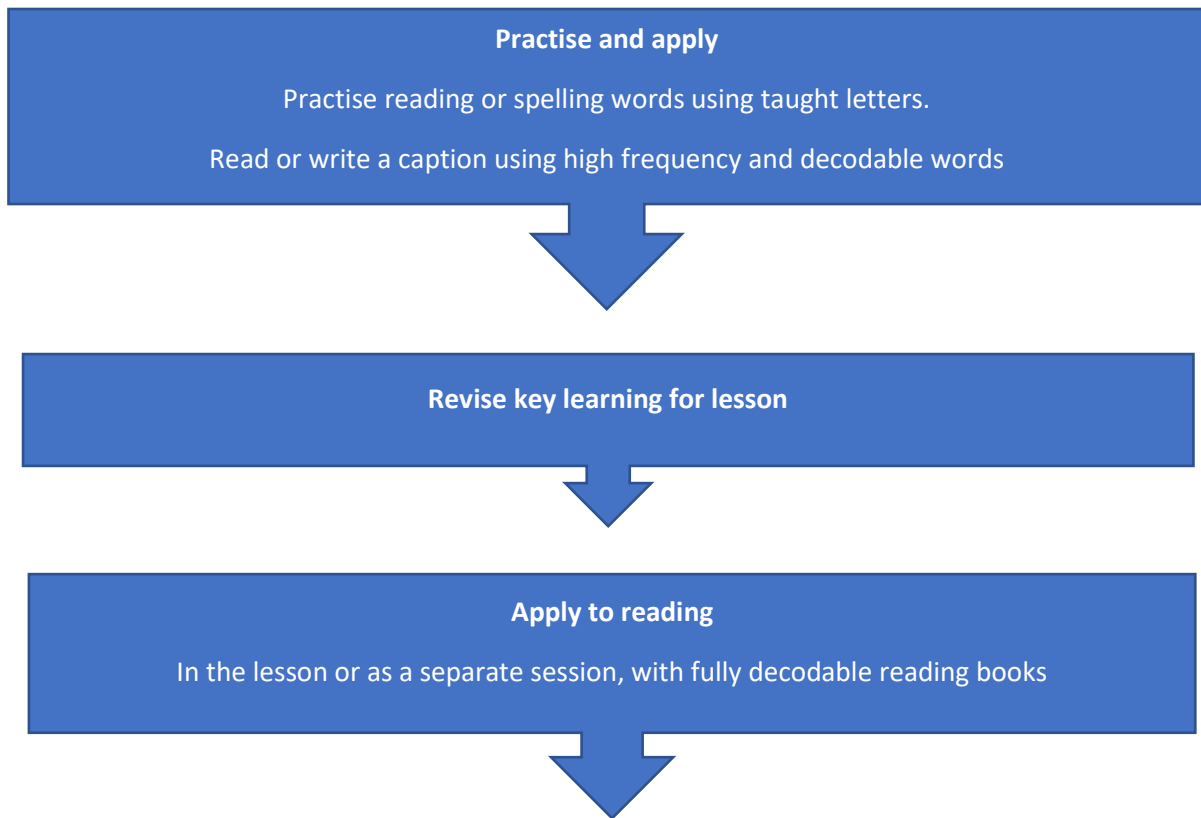
“Thinking CAPS ON!”

- ✓ Connections
- ✓ Attention
- ✓ Practise
- ✓ Structure

- Ensure teachers are enthusiastic and focused on the phonic goal
- Ensure children are actively involved and well-motivated
- Place a spotlight on the lowest 20% throughout each part of the lesson
- **Structure:**



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- **Decodable Reading Books:**

Early Years and KS1 use fully decodable reading books to support the teaching of phonics as the main strategy for early reading. When a child can consistently read words with Phase 2 - 5 graphemes without overtly sounding them out they will move on to colour banded reading level books.

Early reading books are organised with a progressive content matched to the school's chosen systematic, synthetic, phonic programme (Letters and Sounds).

Children read with an adult at least once a week. One book that is taken home has also been read at school. Each reading book is selected to match the phonics phase and set that the child is working on. Children should be reading at 90% fluency in reading sessions and 95% fluency for books they take home.

- **Early Identification of Children in Danger of falling Behind and Effective Keep-up Support:**

Phonics Tracker is used regularly to assess all children. Children in danger of falling behind are identified and keep-up support is offered through:

- Individual phonics practise charts (highlighting the gaps)
- Daily phonics practise
- Additional phonics practise (At least 3 times a week)

Consistency of Approach - Teaching Phonics at APS

Direct instructions

When we expect the children to repeat something that they have heard we use the words **“I say, you say”**

When children become confident with recalling a set of GPC's we point to the grapheme with no visuals using only gesture to encourage the children to recall the phoneme.

Recall of GPC's and tricky words should be done using flashcards and/or a slideshow. We must ensure that the adult leading the session is facing the children and can clearly see who is engaging and recalling correctly. If children show any uncertainty of phonemes or words these should be revisited using flashcards and practised again.

We must remind children that common exception words are only 'tricky' because we haven't learnt the GPC yet. We can use the phonics we know for some parts of the word.

Cued Articulation can be used to introduce a new phase 2 phoneme. It can be used to support children who are struggling to recall a GPC. It should not be used when blending or segmenting words.

Blending

Sound buttons

Segmenting

Phoneme fingers

Resources

All Early Years, KS1 and Year 3 classes have a **toolkit**, these contain only smart kid flashcards.

All displays around the classroom and phoneme mats should be from twinkl.

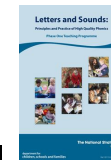
Giant Phonics should be the only IWB resource used during discrete phonic lessons.

Additional practice in Early Years and KS1 should be precision teaching using only resources from the **toolkit**.

Additional practice in KS2 can use approved games and phonicsplay.com



Reception's Phonics Scheme of Work



Autumn 1		Autumn 2		Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1		Summer 2
Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 3	Phase 3	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 4
Week 1 & 2: Baseline assessments Week 3: s, a, t, p Week 4: i, n, m, d, Week 5: g, o, c, k, ck, Week 6: e, u, r, h, b		Week 1: f, ff, l, ll, ss Week 2: Revisit week Week 3: Revisit/ Assessment week Week 4: j, v, x, z Week 5: y, z, zz, qu, Week 6: ch, sh, th, ng,		Week 1: ai, ee, igh, oa Week 2: oo, oo, ar, or Week 3: ur, ow, oi, ear Week 4: air, ure, er Week 5: Practise all GPCs Week 6: Revisit/Assessment week	Week 1: Practise all GPCs Week 2: Practise all GPCs Week 3: Practise all GPCs Week 4: Consolidation week Week 5: Consolidation week Week 6: Revisit/Assessment week	Week 1: Practise all GPCs Week 2: Practise all GPCs Week 3: Reading and spelling of CVCC words Week 4: Reading and spelling of CCVC words Week 5: Reading and spelling of words with adjacent consonants Week 6: Revisit/Assessment week	Week 1: Reading and spelling of words with adjacent consonants Week 2: Practise recognition and recall, reading and spelling of Ph2,3&4 Week 3: Practise recognition and recall, reading and spelling of Ph2,3&4 Week 4: Practise recognition and recall, reading and spelling of Ph2,3&4 Week 5: Practise recognition and recall, reading and spelling of Ph2,3&4 Week 6: Practise recognition and recall, reading and spelling of Ph2,3&4	
Ongoing: Phase 1, 7 aspects <u>Tricky words</u> – l, go, no, to, the, into <u>High Frequency Words</u> - had, an, back, to, as, and, at, get, no, if, big, in, him, is, his, it, not, of, got, off, up, on, mum, can, but, dad, put				Ongoing: <u>Tricky words</u> – he, she, me, we, be, was, you, all, they, are, my her <u>High Frequency Words</u> - will, see, that, for, this, now, then, down, them, look, be, with, too		Ongoing: <u>Tricky words</u> – some, one, said, come, do, so, were, when, have, there, out, like, little, what <u>High Frequency Words</u> - went, it's, from, children, just, help		



Year One Phonics Scheme of Work

Autumn 1		Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 5	Phase 5	Phase 5	Phase 5
<p>Week 1 & 2: Baseline assessments</p> <p>Week 3: Consolidation Ph 3/4 Reading and spelling of CVCC words</p> <p>Week 4: Consolidation Ph 3/4 Reading and spelling of CCVC words</p> <p>Week 5: Consolidation Ph 3/4 Reading and spelling of words with adjacent consonants</p> <p>Week 6: Consolidation Ph 3/4 Reading and spelling of words with adjacent consonants Track</p>		<p>Week 1: ay, ou, ie, ea</p> <p>Week 2: oy, ir, ue, aw</p> <p>Week 3: wh, ph, ew, oe</p> <p>Week 4 ue as pew– yoo, aw as in paw ue – as in queue</p> <p>Week 5: au, a_e, e_e, o_e,</p> <p>Week 6: ey i_e, u_e, (as in 'oo')</p> <p>Week 7: Consolidation MOCK PSC</p> <p>Week 7: Consolidate and track</p>	<p>Week 1: Alternative pronunciations l (as in fin find) O (as in hot cold) u (but/put)</p> <p>Week 2: Alternative pronunciations c (cat/cent), g (got/giant), y (yes/by), zh (vision/visual/beige/measure)</p> <p>Week 3: Alternative pronunciations ch (chin/school), ow (cow/blow), er (her), ou (out/shoulder)</p> <p>Week 4: Alternative pronunciations, ie (tie/field), ea (eat/bread), ou (could), a (hat/what)</p> <p>Week 5: Alternative pronunciations y (very), ch (chin/school/chef) ou (out/you/could/shoulder)</p> <p>Week 6: Consolidate and track MOCK PSC</p>	<p>Week 1: Consolidation for reading</p> <p>Week 2: Consolidation for reading</p> <p>Week 3: u_e (June/tune) Alternative spellings /ai/ spelt ay, a_e /ee/ spelt ea, e_e, y</p> <p>Week 4: Alternative spellings /f/ spelt ph /ee/ spelt ie</p> <p>Week 5: Alternative spellings /oa/ spelt ow, oe /igh/ spelt ie</p> <p>Week 6: Track MOCK PSC</p>	<p>Week 1: Alternative spellings /oa/ spelt o_e /igh/ spelt i_e</p> <p>Week 2: Alternative spellings /oo/ spelt ew, ue /oi/ spelt oy /or/ spelt aw</p> <p>Week 3: Alternative spellings /ar/ spelt a /v/ spelt ve /ear/ spelt ere</p> <p>Week 4: Alternative spellings /w/ spelt wh /air/ spelt are /or/ spelt au</p> <p>Week 5: Alternative spellings /air/ spelt ear /or/ spelt ore</p> <p>Week 6: Track PSC</p>	<p>Week 1: Alternative spellings ur/ spelt ir /ch/ spelt tch</p> <p>Week 2: Alternative spellings /e/ spelt ea /ur/ spelt er</p> <p>Week 3: Alternative spellings /ng/ spelt kn /ow/ spelt ou</p> <p>Week 4: Alternative spellings /ng/ spelt gn - gnaw Revisit</p> <p>Week 5: Alternative spellings Revisit all Phase 5</p> <p>Week 6: Alternative spellings Revisit all Phase 5</p>



Year One Phonics Scheme of Work

<p>Ongoing:</p> <p><u>Tricky words</u> – some, one, said, come, do, so, were, when, have, there, out, like, little, what</p> <p><u>High Frequency Words</u> - went, it's, from, children, just, help, oh, their, people, Mr, Mrs, looked, called, asked, could</p> <p><i>*Ensure you begin to include 'CV' combinations that are to be covered in the Y1 screening check.</i></p>	<p><i>*Important - Focus on only 2 alternative pronunciations for each of the graphemes each week & then add to this once secure e.g. ch as in chin, school then once secure add ch as in chef</i></p> <p>Ongoing:</p> <p><i>Use AfL to identify alternative spelling choices or alternative pronunciations that children need to consolidate / apply. You must still consider the 'new teach' element e.g. refining best bet rules / recognising *** in polysyllabic words etc.</i></p> <p>Ongoing:</p> <p><u>Tricky words</u> – water, where, who, again, thought, through, work, mouse, many, laughed, because, different, any, eyes, friends, once, please</p> <p><u>High Frequency Words</u> - don't, old, I'm, by, time, house, about, your, day, made, came, make, here, saw, very, put</p>
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New graphemes

Alternative pronunciations

Alternative spellings



Phonics Expectations

Parental Involvement	
Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 information booklet. Early Years reading strategies sheet. Curriculum workshop (including explanation of Phase 1). Spring term and Summer term stay and play sessions (including observation of a phonics lesson).
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 2 and 3 information booklets. Early Years reading strategies sheet. Weekly stay and play sessions (including phonics activities). Parent observations of a Phase 2 and Phase 3 lesson. Home learning folder (phonemes and tricky words)
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 4 and 5 information booklets. Reading strategies sheet and bookmark. Phase 5 workshop. Home learning folder (phonemes and tricky words)
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Word/spelling lists to be shared half termly. Re-issue information booklets for children who failed PSC or have joined mid-year.
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum booklet to include a phonics statement. Parental involvement to be reviewed regularly. Re-issue information booklets for children who failed PSC or have joined mid-year.
Interventions	
Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly small group intervention/targeted next step sessions.
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 x week individual precision teaching for children falling behind in whole class phonics sessions. Daily small group practice for the lowest 20% of readers.
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 x week individual precision teaching for children falling behind in whole class phonics sessions. Daily small group practice for the lowest 20% of readers. Regular assessments to inform planning and intervention.
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 x week intervention for the lowest 20% of readers.
Year 3 and children new to school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily intervention for children who need support with phonic application.
Book change and homework	
Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 story book once a week to share at home. 1 wordless book a week (Summer term). 2 decodable reading books a week when a child is ready to apply Phase 2 – 1 of the books must have been read at school first. Both books are matched to the child's phonic ability.
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 story book once a week to share at home. 2 reading books a week, both matched to the child's phonic ability. 1 of the reading books must have been read at school first. Each child to have a home learning folder. Phoneme of the week shared in classroom window
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 reading books every week, both matched to the child's phonic ability.
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 book a week to have been read with an adult at school first. Year 1 children to have a home learning folder. Weekly phonics coverage shared on weekly homework.

Assessment	
Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular assessment of Phase 1 to inform differentiated groups and readiness for Phase 2.
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual assessments on Phonics Tracker program - Baseline and then half termly.
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Mock Phonics Screening starting in January. Gap analysis to be completed after each mock assessment process. Individual assessments on Phonics Tracker program - Baseline and then half termly.
Year 2	
Year 3	
Planning	
Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 x week discrete teaching sessions. Daily independent learning opportunities in the indoor and outdoor environment. (see separate expectation list for independent learning) Cover Phase 1 and Phase 2.
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 x week discrete teaching sessions. Daily independent learning opportunities in the indoor and outdoor environment. (see separate expectation list for independent learning) Cover Phase 2, 3 and 4. Lessons to be taught whole class. Support to flexible and suit the class needs. Daily practice during phonics lesson for the lowest 20% of readers. The revisit section of each lesson to include the recall of words containing known GPS's to build fluency. The practise section of each lesson to include reading a word with the new phoneme in within a caption/sentence to provide context.
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 x week discrete teaching sessions. Year 1 cover Phase 4 and 5 Lessons to be taught whole class. Support to flexible and suits the class needs. Daily practice during phonics lesson for the lowest 20% of readers. Application activities to be fun and engaging and to include reading/writing for a purpose where possible. The revisit section of each lesson to include the recall of words containing known GPS's to build fluency. The practise section of each lesson to include reading a word with the new phoneme in within a caption/sentence to provide context.
Year 2	
Quality books	
Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All reading books are fully decodable. Reading books are organised by 'Letters and Sounds' phase and set.
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 2 and Phase 3 books are organised by 'Letters and Sounds' phase and set. Colour book bands are used from yellow band.
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Books are organised by colour book bands. Decodable books are available to support readers if needed.
All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children can move from decodable reading books when they no longer overtly sound out or blend to read words containing GPC's phase 2-5. Children should read at 90% accuracy at school. Children should at 95% accuracy at home.



Bumping into Phonics

~ Early Years Environment Expectations ~

Nursery

Inside:

Range of Phase 1 activities – initial sound matching, alliteration games etc.
Books in book corner that support phase 1 – rhyme, alliteration etc.
Writing/mark making opportunities (for a purpose) and through role play.
Summer term – reading opportunities, highlight initial letter sound. As many labels and signs as possible should be decodable.
Established area where children can select a range of quality writing tools and clip boards from.
Display phase 2 graphemes as they are introduced.

Outside:

Range of Phase 1 activities for independent access - musical instruments, listening/sound checklists, resources to play taught games etc.
Writing/mark making opportunities (for a purpose) and through role play.
Summer term – reading opportunities, highlight initial letter sound. As many labels and signs as possible should be decodable.
Established area where children can select a range of quality writing tools and clip boards from. Tools to include large scale mark making – paint brushes, sticks etc.

Bumping into Phonics

~ Early Years Environment Expectations ~

Reception

Inside:

- Phase 2 and 3 graphemes to be displayed as introduced.
- Book corner: range of topic and core books to encourage reading for pleasure, selection of decodable texts, high frequency words on display, range of book corner challenges, for example, vote for the days story time book, hunt for the phoneme of the day, tick off how many high frequency words you find in a book etc.
- Decodable instructions and signs, flow charts that match the phase children are working on. For example, instructions on how to use the creative area independently, recipes to read in the role play house, yes/no questions for children to respond to. Etc.
- Range of Phase 2/3 taught games for children to play independently.
- Writing opportunities for a purpose (In addition to table top activities), for example, recording a plant diary, posting a letter etc.
- Writing opportunities through role-play.
- Established area where children can select a range of quality writing tools and clip boards from.
- Regularly introduce exciting writing prompts to the writing area (these can then be rotated across classrooms) For example, birthday card caddy, super hero writing etc.
- Challenge area/activity where knowledge of the phoneme of the day can be applied.
- Challenge displays where children can read words of known GPC's during transition times or to fill time.

Outside:

- Large decodable labels, signs and instructions. For example, flow charts – how to build in the construction area, recipes/menus/instructions in the mud kitchen, games instructions – how to play football etc.
- Add reading/writing challenge to popular areas. For example, object hunt in the sand tray – children to record what they find, fish out objects beginning with ... in the water tray, sports - recording scores, team sheets etc.
- Writing for a purpose – half termly established writing challenge. For example – plane spotting - record aeroplanes using a template on clipboards, mini-beast hunt record sheets etc.
- Range of Phase 2/3 games. For example, tricky word hunt, find the letters and make a word etc.
- Established area where children can select a range of quality writing tools and clip boards from. Tools to include large scale mark making – paint brushes, sticks etc.
- Challenge area/activity where knowledge of the phoneme of the day can be applied.
- Challenge displays where children can read words of known GPC's during transition times or to fill time.

Reading Progression and End of Year Expectations

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the five key concepts about print: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> print has meaning the names of the different parts of a book print can have different purposes page sequencing we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> spot and suggest rhymes count or clap syllables in a word recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them. Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter-sound correspondences. Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them. Read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme. Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words. Re-read these books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment. <p><u>Early Learning Goals</u></p> <p>Word Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs. Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending. Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words. <p>Comprehension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary. Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories. Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play. 	<p>Word reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Match all 40+ graphemes to their phonemes Blend sounds in unfamiliar words Divide words into syllables Read compound words Read words with contractions and understand that the apostrophe represents the missing letters Read phonetically decodable words Read words that end with, 's, -ing, -ed, est Read words that start with un Add -ing, -ed, and -er to verbs (where no change is needed to the root word) Read words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs <p>Comprehension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Say what they do/don't like about a text Link what they have heard/read to my own experience Re-tell key stories using key narrative language Talk about main characters within a well-known story Learn some poems/rhymes by heart Use what they know to understand texts Check their reading makes sense and go back to correct it when it doesn't Draw inferences from the text and/or the illustrations Make predictions about the events in the text Can explain what they think a text is about 	<p>Word reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decode automatically and fluently Blends sounds in words that contain the graphemes we have learnt Recognise and read alternative sounds for graphemes Read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same GPCs Read words with common suffixes Read common exception words Read and comment on unusual correspondence between grapheme and phoneme Read most words quickly and accurately, showing fluency and confidence <p>Comprehension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can talk about and give an opinion on a range texts Discuss the sequence of events in books and how they relate to each other Use prior knowledge, including context and vocabulary to understand texts Can retell stories, including fairy tales and traditional tales Can read for meaning and check that the text makes sense. Can go back and re-read when it does not make sense Find recurring language in stories and poems Can talk about their favourite words and phrases in stories and poems Can talk about their favourite words and phrases in stories and poems Recite some poems by heart, with appropriate intonation Answer and ask questions Make predictions based on what they have read Draw simple inferences from illustrations, events, characters' actions and speech
Phonics Expectations			
Secure at Phase 1	Secure at Phase 3 and working within Phase 4	Secure at Phase 5	In line with NC reading and spelling expectations.

Specific End of Year Phonics Expectations	
Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To orally blend and segment the sounds in words.
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To read and spell words consistent with their phonic knowledge of phase 2 and 3 phonemes by blending. To read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge of phase 2 and 3, including some common exception words. To begin to blend and read/segment to spell some words containing adjacent consonants consistent with their knowledge of Phase 4. To write recognisable letters, most of which are formed correctly.
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To read and spell words applying phase 2,3,4 and 5 phonic knowledge including phonically decodable two-syllable and three-syllable words. To read automatically all the words in the list of 100 high-frequency words. To accurately spell most of the words in the list of 100 high-frequency words. To form each letter correctly.
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To read fluently and use automatic decoding. To spell using taught spelling rules including common exception words.



Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
Wordless books (Lilac)	Set 1 s a t p	Set 6 j v w x	Adjacent Consonants 1 VCC CVCC	Digraphs 1 ay ou ie ea
	Set 2 i n m d	Set 7 y z zz qu	Adjacent Consonants 2 CCVC	Digraphs 2 oy ir ue ue
	Set 3 g o c k	Consonant Digraphs 1 ch sh th ng	Adjacent Consonants 3 CCVCC	Digraphs 3 wh wh ph
	Set 4 ck e u r	Vowel Digraphs 1 ai ee igh oa		Digraphs 4 ew ew oe au
	Set 5 h b f ff ll ss	Vowel Digraphs 2 oo oo ar or		Diagraphs 5 ey a_e, e_e, i_e
		Vowel Digraphs 3 ur ow ow oi		Digraphs 6 o_e, u_e, u_e, aw
	Vowel Digraph/Trigraphs 4 ear air ure er			

Moving on from Decodable Reading Books

Children can move to colour banded books when they no longer need decodable books. This is when they no longer overtly sound out and blend words made up of relevant GPC's from Phase 2-5

Wordless books Phase 1	Phase 1- 5 books	Blue	Green	Orange	Turquoise	Purple	Gold	White	Lime
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Please note:

Children should be able to read at 90% fluency in class.

Children should be able to read at 95% fluency at home.

Children to take home the reading book that they have read in school and one other book from the relevant Phase/set or colour band.

EYFS/KS1 Phonics Glossary

Word	What Does It Mean?
blend	Saying the individual sounds that make up a word and then merging or blending the sounds together to say the word – used when reading.
consonant	Most letters of the alphabet (excluding the vowels: a,e,i,o,u).
CVC words	<p>Abbreviation used for consonant-vowel-consonant words, used to describe the order of sounds. Some examples of CVC words are: cat, pen, top, chat (because ch makes one sound).</p> <p>Other similar abbreviations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VC words e.g. on, is, it.• CCVC words e.g. trap and black.• CVCC words e.g. milk and fast.
digraph	<p>Two letters which together make one sound e.g. ee, oa, ea, ch, ay.</p> <p>There are different types of digraph:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vowel digraph: a digraph in which at least one of the letters is a vowel, for example; b(oa)t or d(ay).• Consonant digraph: two consonants which can go together, for example (sh)op or (th)in.• Split digraph (previously called magic e): two letters, which work as a pair to make one sound, but are separated within the word e.g. a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e. For example c(a)k(e) or p(i)n(e).
grapheme	Written letters or a group of letters which represent one single sound (phoneme) e.g. a, l, sh, air, ck.

Word	What Does It Mean?
Letters and Sounds	<p>A Government document detailing the teaching of phonics. There are 6 phases described:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1: This is split into 7 aspects, which focus on hearing and talking about environmental sounds and letter sounds. • Phase 2: Learning 19 letters of the alphabet, along with the first 5 'tricky words' and using them to read and spell simple words and captions. • Phase 3: Learning the remaining letters of the alphabet, some 2 and 3 letter digraphs, along with the next set of 'tricky words'. Reading and writing captions and sentences. • Phase 4: Learning to blend and segment longer words, including words with adjacent consonants and more than one syllable. Reading and writing using these and the next 'tricky words', within sentences. • Phase 5: Learning alternative spellings and pronunciations for phonemes, including their common usage within words. Reading and writing using these and the next 'tricky words', within sentences. • Phase 6: Learning longer words and spelling rules. Children may work from another document from this point, called 'Support for Spelling'.
phoneme	A single sound that can be made by one or more letters – e.g. s, k, z, oo, ph, igh.
phonics	Phonics teaches children to listen to and identify the sounds that make up words. This helps them to read and write words.
pure sound	Pronouncing each letter sound clearly and distinctly without adding additional sounds to the end e.g. 'f' not 'fuh.'
segment	This is the opposite of blending (see above). Splitting a word up into individual sounds – used when spelling and writing.
tricky words	Words that are difficult to sound out e.g. said, the, because.
trigraph	Three letters which go together make one sound e.g. ear, air, igh, dge, tch.
vowel	The letters a, e, i, o, u.



Area of development	Teaching/ Learning	What to do...
Oral Blending and Segmenting	My turn, your turn blending and segmentation	<i>Teacher models first to blend e.g. c-a-t = cat, children then blend to read Teacher models first to segment e.g. dog = d-o-g, children then segment to write</i>
	Show me the word blending (Show me your Blending)	<i>Put a range of pictures out. Teacher to say a blended word e.g. w-e-b show me the w-e-b Use actions to show blending e.g. touch your 'kn-ee-s'</i>
	Tell me the word blending (Feely Bag Blending)	<i>Place objects in a bag. Teacher to say e.g.: I can feel a... 'f-i-sh'. Child to find the fish toy. Take an item out of a bag – what can you see, it's a 'l-ea-f'/ s-o-ck and place the objects on a mat – say the names. Introduce robot for robot talk b-u-s</i>
	Physical segmentation (Chop it up)	<i>Teacher to model e.g. 'dog' – robot talk/ chopping action and fingers 'd-o-g A toy wants a picnic but he only understands sound talk, he wants jam – tell the toy in sound talk e.g. j-a-m</i>
Learning a Letter	Single-letter sound correspondence	<i>E.g. 's' – show a picture of a snake, make ss sound, wave hand like a snake/ tell a story of a snake, say children's names/ other words with 's' sound. Trace shape of 's' on the picture of the snake and say 's', children to join in. Write 's' next to the snake and children to repeat 's'. Say 'snake – 's' Show children card with 's' written (grapheme) and image – children to say snake/ 's' depending what they see. Model/ discuss letter formation of the letter, children to join in in the air/ on hands/ whiteboards/ paper</i>
	A digraph or trigraph	<i>E.g. 'sh'. Hear it and say it – say the grapheme with the mnemonic, children to join in, Say words/ names with the sound. See it and say it – Show children 'sh' and tell them the sound needs two letters to make one sound, we show this with a line under the sound. Remind children of any other known digraphs/ trigraphs. Write some words with the 'sh' sound and children to find the 'sh' sound and draw a line under the grapheme. Children to read/ write the sound.</i>
	Split digraph	<i>E.g. 'i-e'. Children to sound talk and show fingers for a word with a grapheme that makes the same sound that isn't a split digraph e.g. 'tie'. Children to think about what needs adding to make 'time'. Hold the 'm' next to 'tie' and discuss that that isn't correct. Cut the 'ie' and put the 'm' in between them, draw a line linking i-e. Repeat with other words.</i>
	An "alternative" (new) grapheme	<i>Other activities: Best bet (create a table with different ways to write a phoneme/ spot the phonemes in a story and notice how they can be written differently</i>
	Alternative pronunciation	<i>Show a word with the known grapheme e.g. 'milk', children to sound talk it and read it. Show a</i>



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		<i>word with an alternative pronunciation e.g. 'find' and discuss that the grapheme 'i' will have a different pronunciation. Sound talk other words and discuss the pronunciation.</i>
<u>Letter Recognition</u>	Flashcards	<i>Children to say the sound as quickly as possible when they see the grapheme – A4 or A5 cards with mnemonic and letter (could use Frieze/ fans)</i>
	Are you Ready? (IAW version of the flashcards)	<i>Interactive whiteboard – graphemes flash up quickly and children to say the sounds</i>
<u>Blending and Reading Words</u>	Reading a word (letter cards or magnetic letters)	<i>Show a word using letter cards or magnetic letters (e.g. VC/CVC), sound talk the word and tell children the word. Children to repeat. Repeat with other words. Children to sound talk another word with teacher and tell their partners the word. Repeat with more words. Show another word and children sound talk it, teacher to sound talk it and children to say the word, repeat. Show another word, children to sound talk it and then say the word. Repeat</i>
	Reading a word (sound buttons)	<i>Show a word (e.g. VC/CVC) and draw sound buttons under each letter, sound talk the word and tell children the word. Children to repeat. Repeat with other words. Children to sound talk another word with teacher and tell their partners the word. Repeat with more words. Show another word and children sound talk it, teacher to sound talk it and children to say the word, repeat. Show another word, children to sound talk it and then say the word. Repeat</i>
	Read the word (find the digraph, trigraph, sound buttons and bars)	<i>Show children a word, model/ discussion about the digraph, trigraph, putting in sound buttons/ bars. Repeat with the class and children to do independently/ in pairs</i>
	Read it Fast/Countdown	<i>Show a list of words, one underneath each other. Aim of the activity is to read as many word as possible before the timer finishes – could do it as a class/ partners/ groups</i>
<u>Reading Captions and Sentences</u>	Reading a caption to fluency	<i>Teacher to model reading the caption using intonation/ expression and pace. Can sound talk first and also note any tricky words. Images to support.</i>
	Reading a sentence to fluency	<i>Teacher to model reading the sentence using intonation/ expression and pace. Can sound talk first and also note any tricky words. Images to support.</i>
<u>Letter Recall</u>	Fastest Finger	<i>Teacher model pointing and saying the sound, children to share the same activity and then do it independently.</i>
	Quick-copy	<i>Show children a word with the grapheme underlined. Children to make the word using magnetic letters and say the phoneme and read the word. Repeat.</i>
	Quick-write	<i>Teacher to say the sound of a grapheme (with mnemonic and action if needed), children to write it saying the letter formation pattern as they do</i>
	Spelling a word (word-building with	<i>Say a word (e.g. CVC) and then sound talk it, holding up 3 fingers. Say another CVC word and</i>



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<u>Segmenting and Spelling (words)</u>	letter cards or magnetic letters)	<i>children to sound talk it e.g. 'sit'. Model finding 's' from the magnetic letters/ sound cards and put it on the phoneme frame, then same with 'i' and 't'. Repeat with another word, children to sound talk it and say what to put in the phoneme frame and repeat on their own frames</i>
	Spelling a word (phoneme frame or phoneme line)	<i>Say a word e.g. CV word and then sound talk it, hold up 2 fingers. Say another word and children to sound talk it e.g. 'it'. Model writing 'i' and put it in the phoneme frame, then same with 't'. Repeat with another word, children to sound talk it and say what to put in the phoneme frame and repeat on their own frames Teacher to say a word and hold up fingers needed, sound talk it and point to a finger for each phoneme. Children to copy. Hold fingers up and write the letters of the word in the phoneme frame, children to write the word in their phoneme frames. Say another word, children to sound talk it and teacher to write as children sound talk. Repeat but leave a letter off the writing.</i>
	Checking spelling (Check It)	<i>Model editing/ re-reading work, checking for correct phonemes and sound order. Show some examples with errors and discuss what they are and model correcting them. Repeat with children as a shared and then partner/ independent activity.</i>
<u>Spelling Captions and Sentences</u>	Writing a caption	<i>Display and discuss an image, ask children to help you write a caption e.g. 'cat in a hat'. Say caption together repeatedly (use actions/ partner talk). Children to tell teacher first word, ask what letters are needed and write it, remind children of finger spaces/ punctuation. Repeat with the other words.</i>
	Writing a sentence	<i>Display and discuss an image. Children to help teacher write the sentence e.g. 'The clown did the best tricks'. Say the sentence all together and to partners/ actions. Children tell the teacher the first word, ask what letters are needed (make a point of a capital letter) and repeat for the other words. Make a point of the full stop/ question mark/ exclamation mark and finger spaces.</i>

Area of development	Independent Application	What to do...
<u>Blending and Reading Words</u>	Word and Picture Match	<i>Set out word cards and picture cards, children to match words to the pictures. Can do the same with sentences. Choose a picture and show fully formed words e.g. show a cat and 4 words, find the word cat – read each one and recognise initial letter sounds etc</i>
	Word Grids	<i>Put a word out and each phoneme, this card says 'pig' can you make 'pig'. Children to put each phoneme in a grid to make the word.</i>



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<u>Reading Captions and Sentences</u>	Match It	<i>Display caption/ sentence and images, sound talk each word and read the whole caption/ sentence. Children to say which image the caption/ sentence belongs to, can be done independently.</i>
	Yes or No?	<i>Children to have yes/no cards. Display a yes/no question, children to read the question and decide if the answer is yes/ no</i>
<u>Segmenting and Spelling (words)</u>	Write a Label	<i>Role play areas/ planned independent activities/ topic related activities e.g. for a classroom display</i>
	Write a List	<i>Role play areas/ planned independent activities/ topic related activities e.g. for a classroom display</i>
<u>Spelling Captions and Sentences</u>	Writing Captions	<i>Role play areas/ planned independent activities/ topic related activities e.g. for a classroom display</i>
	Writing Sentences	<i>Role play areas/ planned independent activities/ topic related activities e.g. for a classroom display</i>
<p>There should be an element of independent activity daily or as part of morning challenge to allow children time to consolidate learning.</p>		

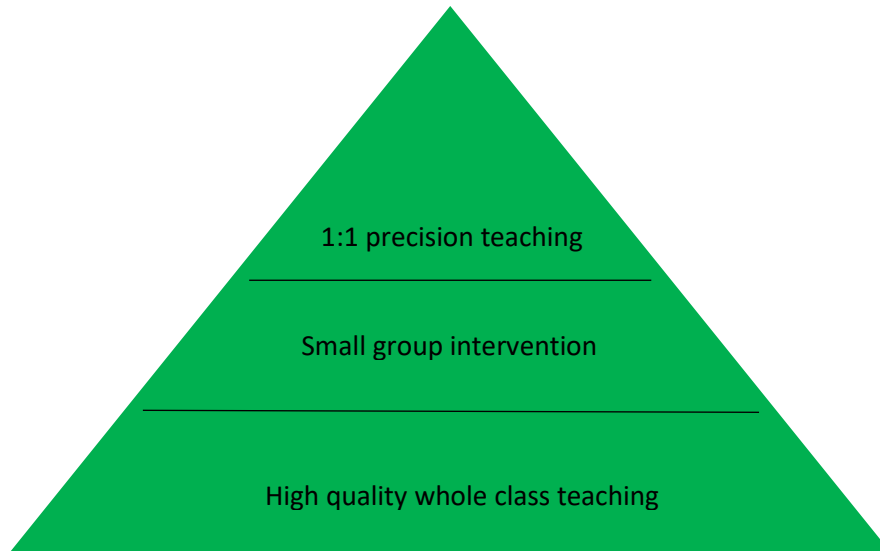
Area of development	Targeted Additional Practise	What to do...
<u>Oral Blending and Segmenting</u>	Supported Blending (Blend It)	<i>Intervention- show the child a picture. Sound talk the pictures but don't say the word. Child repeats. Repeat at a faster pace and blend, child to say the word. Repeat with more pictures. Sound talk the picture, child points to the right one. Child to sound talk and blend to say the word.</i>
	Supported Segmentation (Copy Me)	<i>Intervention – Show child a word and repeat it e.g. ship.. model finding the phonemes to make ship, child to do independently after</i>
<u>Letter Recognition</u>	Win It	<i>Show the unknown grapheme (flashcard). Emphasise the shape with your fingers, run it over the grapheme and say the sound. Child to repeat this at least 3 times. Put the new grapheme amongst known graphemes and go through the flashcards. If the child recognises the grapheme put it back and keep showing he cards, if the child doesn't recognise it tell them the phoneme and repeat it putting it closer to the front.</i>
	Grapheme Grid	<i>Grid of letters/ graphemes, teacher to model saying a letter name and finding the grapheme, or saying the phoneme and finding the grapheme. Children to repeat.</i>



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		<i>Could put counters on each one said correctly.</i>
<u>Blending and Reading Words</u>	Mix It Up	<i>Make one of the words with the grapheme cards, saying each phoneme. Move finger left to write under each grapheme. Say the word as you do that. Push the cards to the child and repeat. Then model but this time mixing up the graphemes. Put them in the right order, saying the phoneme for each grapheme to make the word. Say the word as a whole. Child to repeat. Then pick up a whole word and model sounding out and blending the word. Child to do the same.</i>
<u>Reading Captions and Sentences</u>	Build It Up (repeated reading)	<i>Keep up modelled/ shared reading and independent reading with children e.g. 1:1 reading time.</i>
<u>Letter Recall</u>	Write It (small chunk of letters)	<i>Teacher to say a letter and children to write it.</i>
<u>Segmenting and Spelling (words)</u>	Write It (word version)	<i>Choose the picture and make the word using the phonemes to make the word e.g. picture of a sun, find the phonemes to make sun s-u-n. Write the word</i>
<p>There should be a daily opportunity to support low learners including bottom 20% and focused target teaching</p>		

Phonics Intervention for the Lowest 20% of Readers and New Joiners



Small Group Intervention based on whole class lesson

Daily Rec-Yr2/3 x weekly KS2

Revisit / Review or Teach

Flashcard recall of a selected group of phonemes including the focus/new phoneme.

Play 'Win it', repeat until grapheme is recognised.

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rciaLeahtuoc>

Practise

Reading of selected words containing focus phoneme

Promote fluency

Apply

Play 'Mix it up' and/or additional game

video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVOPsvf_01A

1:1 Precision Teaching

3 x weekly

Practise Chart

All children in the lowest 20% have their knowledge and targets mapped out on an APS practise chart. This is used as the sessions planning.

Revisit / Review / Teach

Flashcard Recall / Win it

Practise

Activity based on gaps: oral blend/segment, GPC

See support document for bank of activities

Apply

For reading: 'Mix it up', promote fluency

For oral blending/segmenting: Use bank of games

**Flexible approach in KS2 depending on need. Some interventions may follow a 5-part teaching sequence in small groups. Intervention follows the relevant phases scheme of work.*

Daily Phonics Practise

This takes place during the 'application' part of the daily phonics lesson. The group of children who engage with the daily phonics practise should be the lowest 20% of readers. This group should be flexible and can accommodate children who have returned from being absent or have struggles in the lesson that day.

The structure is a three-part lesson: recall, practise, apply.

Recall

Play 'win it' with around 5 flashcards. Repeat the process until the children can recognise the grapheme and recall the phoneme for the focus sound.

Practise

Select 4 words that contain the focus phoneme.

First word: *do not show the word to the children.*

- Segment the word orally using phoneme fingers.
- Ask children to join in with segmenting the word.
- Ask children to segment the word independently.
- Show the word and model blending to read (sound buttons)
- Children to join in reading the word by blending.
- Children to blend to read the word independently.

Second word:

-Repeat the above process but allow children more independence, for example, they join in with you rather than modelling first.

Third word:

-Show the word to start with. Skip the segmenting process.

Fourth word:

-Show the word. Children to read the word independently by blending. You may need to try a fifth word and model again if the majority of the group struggle with reading this word.

Apply

- Each child can be given their own word to read.
- Model using the letter cards to spell a word. Physically move the cards to emphasis the process. Each child to have a go at segmenting and then spelling a word using the focus phoneme.
- On some occasion's children can be asked to write a word or short sentence where applicable.

Additional Phonics Practise

The additional practise is for the lowest 20% of readers. This should be flexible as children move in and out of the group. It needs to happen 3 times a week 1:1. It focuses on each child's individual gaps as identified on the practise mat.

It is a fast-paced version of the above three-part lesson. However, more games can be introduced depending on the child's need (blending/segmenting/GPC recall).

See document 'Supporting the Teaching of Phonics' for a list of games/strategies.



Phonics – diagnostic overview
Additional Practise Progress Chart

Oral Blending	Oral Segmenting
Orally blend VC/CVC words	Orally segment VC/CVC words
Orally blend CVCC/CCVC	Orally segment CVCC/CCVC

Graphemes	Word reading	Tricky Words
Read phase 2 graphemes	Read words with phase 2 graphemes in	Phase 2: the, to, I, no, go, into
Read phase 3 graphemes	Read words with phase 3 graphemes in	Phase 3: he, she, we, me, be, was, you, they, all, are, my, her
Read phase 5 graphemes	Read phase 4 words	Phase 4: said, have, like, so, do, some, come, were, there, little, one, when, out, what
	Read words with phase 5 graphemes in	Phase 5: oh, their, people, Mr, Mrs, looked, called, asked, could

Graphemes
Phase 2: s a t p i n m d g o c k ck e u r h b f ff l ll ss
Phase 3: j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng ai ee igh oa oo/oo ar or ur ow oi ear air ure er
Phase 5: ay ou ie ea oy ir ue/ue aw wh/wh ph ew/ew oe au ey a-e e-e i-e o-e u-e/u-e

Highlight - target