



Phonics is taught daily for 15 minutes in small groups by either Miss Aldridge or Mrs Issitt. We aim to teach one set of sounds per week with lots of repetition and practise, but obviously this changes according to the needs of the children.

By the time they reach Phase 3, children will already be able to blend and segment words containing the 19 letters taught in Phase 2:

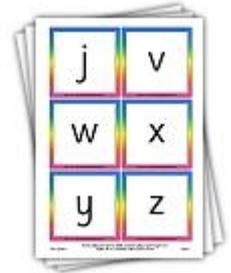
Phase 2 Set 1: s, a, t, p

Phase 2 Set 2: i, n, m, d

Phase 2 Set 3: g, o, c, k

Phase 2 Set 4: ck, e, u, r

Phase 2 Set 5: h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss



Over the twelve weeks which Phase 3 is expected to last, twenty-five new graphemes are introduced (one at a time).

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

During Phase 3, children will also learn the letter names using an alphabet song, although they will continue to use the sounds when decoding words.

Tricky words

During Phase 3, the following tricky words (which can't yet be decoded) are introduced:

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

After Half Term your child will receive a Phonics pack to bring home every day. This contains:

- the sound cards for the sounds currently being learnt and for Phase 2 that your child has already completed.

- the cursive version of the letters on a fan template. It is vital that your child recognise the sound in all its handwritten forms, and cursive is the style of handwriting we teach here at Fountains Earth from Reception.
- the 'tricky' words that your child needs to practise blending
- a handwriting formation sheet should you wish to practise handwriting.

Please just ask if you would like any further information.

Many thanks

Miss Aldridge