



Supporting your child in Phonics at home

At the Piggott School: Charvil Primary, we believe that having a great partnership with our parents is the key to successful and enjoyable learning. Below are some suggestions of activities for you as parents to complete at home for the different phonics phases that your child will encounter in school.

Phonics Phase	Supporting activities to do at home
Phase 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish with your child the rules of good listening (Looking at the person, hands and feet still, lips closed, ears open.) Go on a listening walk around different areas to listen to what they can hear. Complete counting rhymes/songs or join in with actions in action songs and keep to the beat by clapping or stamping along to familiar songs. Play the game odd one out. This involves saying 2 or 3 rhyming words and one word that does not rhyme e.g. cat, bat, moon, rat. Can your child identify the odd one out? Play silly soup. This game involves having a bowl with some pictures or objects in and sound talking a word for your child to blend. In my soup I have a h-a-t. Can they tell you what you have in the bowl by blending the word together?
Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give your child post-it sticky notes with single sounds on such as, s, a, t, p, i, n, m etc. Can they put the sticky note onto different objects that start with that sound? They could now play silly soup again, but this time can they sound out the word for the parent to guess? Again, short CVC words like p-i-g, c-u-p, m-a-t. Children are still getting used to the way that letters look in their grapheme form and how they sound at this stage. You could use shaving foam in a tray/dish for your child to form the graphemes for the sounds? Or they could use other resources like sequins or pipe cleaners before using a whiteboard and pen to form the letters to match the sounds they have learnt. Use letter cards or flashcards to quickly recap the sounds your child has learnt daily. They could use these cards to begin building words without the pressure of writing them at this stage if they have not got a secure pen or pencil grip.
Phase 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use magnetic letters to read and build short CVC words using the sounds they have learnt in Phase 2 and build upon this for Phase 3 sounds. They could draw a picture to match the word. Use playdough and playdough cutter letters to make sounds and move them around to create words. If your child likes playing with Duplo or Lego, you could put sounds onto bricks to build words. Write lots of nonsense/alien words onto whiteboards and encourage your child to put sound buttons onto each word to sound it out. Encourage your child to begin using their phonics knowledge for writing. Begin with writing lists or labels for objects and then build it up to writing a short sentence. Top tip: Always ensure you have a sound mat available for your child whenever they are writing so that they can apply their phonics knowledge.
Phase 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 4 is all about learning to blend words and phrases with increasing speed. Give your child a sentence, can they draw a picture to match it? Continue to do many of the things stated in Phase 3 that your child has been enjoying as Phase 4 is all about blending words with increased fluency.
Phase 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By this point the children now know many of the different phonemes that make up the English language so looking at lots of flashcards with your child will really support and build up their memory.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose a sound from phase 5 with your child and using a piece of paper split it into 4 or 6 boxes. Write words with the key sound in, making sure you and any other members of your family also have words with the same phoneme. Play sound bingo and cross out any word called out that might be on your board.• Get your child to sort words into real and nonsense words.
Great websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ This website is used widely in school across the Key Stage so will really support your child's phonological development.• https://www.ictgames.com/dinosaurEggs_phonics/mobile/• https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/forestPhonics/index.html• http://www.ictgames.com/phonicsPop/index.html• BBC Bitesize Phonics• https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds• Espresso Education (The school has a subscription. Every pupils login is, Username: student70045 and Password: dragon.) https://online.espresso.co.uk/espresso/login/Authn/UserPassword• Teach My Monster to read – see the link on the school website homepage.• Bug Club• Oxford Reading Tree Books online