



Reading with your child at home

If your child is learning to read with phonics, they are being taught by trained staff in a specific and systematic way, using Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. This starts with Foundations for Phonics, where the focus is on listening, attention and tuning into sounds. At this stage, the letters are not introduced and children are using songs, rhymes and games to help them identify and hear phonemes in words.

When children are ready, they will move onto Phase 2 (and later Phases 3, 4, and 5). This is when they are taught to start associating specific sounds (phonemes) with the corresponding letters. It is important that letter sounds are taught consistently. Below is a guide to the correct way to say each of the letter sounds. Listen carefully and when you say them, make sure you don't add an 'uh' sound at the end, so say: 'd' not 'duh'.

There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home:

A reading practice book: This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.

A sharing book: Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

There is more information about how to support your child's reading at home in the video below.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Videos



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 1



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 2



Phase 3 sounds taught in Reception Spring 1



How to say Phase 5 sounds

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home. Research shows that reading is the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. Reading a wide selection of texts and genres support in building vocabulary as well as encouraging choice and a love for reading. It is important to read to your child as often as you can as well as listening to your child read aloud, if appropriate. Reading should be a shared and enjoyable experience.



Below are some websites that offer further support and ideas;

- Literacy Trust
<https://literacytrust.org.uk/>
- World Book Day
<https://www.worldbookday.com/>
- Book Trust
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>
- Reading zone
<https://www.readingzone.com/>