

LETTERS AND SOUNDS: PROGRESSION AND TEACHING ORDER

Reception Expectations:		
Autumn Term	Confident recall of all Phase 2 sounds. Beginning to read Phase 2 words.	
Spring Term	Confident recall of all Phase 3 sounds. Confident reading of Phase 2 words.	
	Beginning to read Phase 3 words.	
Summer Term	Reading of Phase 3 and Phase 4 words.	

Year 1 Expectations:	
Autumn Term	Confident recall of new Phase 5 sounds. Reading of words containing these
	new sounds.
Spring Term	Beginning to read Phase 5 words containing graphemes with alternative
	pronunciations.
Summer Term	Confident reading of all Phase 5 words containing graphemes with alternative
	pronunciations.

Phase 1	Provides a basis for future phonics work.		
	This phase is structured to ensure children are developing listening skills as well as		
Typically	providing them with the basic vocabulary and language to talk about sounds.		
covered in			
Nursery	Aspect 1: General sound discrimination – environmental sounds		
	Aspect 2: General sound discrimination – instrumental sounds		
	Aspect 3: General sound discrimination – body percussion		
	Aspect 4: Rhythm and rhyme		
	Aspect 5: Alliteration		
	Aspect 6: Voice sounds		
	Aspect 7: Oral blending and segmentation		
Phase 2	Children are taught to hear and recognise sounds in <u>any</u> position in a word.		
Introduced in	There is a focus on blending and segmenting skills for reading and early spelling.		
Nursery if			
appropriate	Recommended duration is approximately 6 weeks but the development of blending		
	skills is key.		
Taught in			
Reception	23 graphemes:		
	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	27 graphemes		
	Recommended duration is approximately 12 weeks.		
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Phase 4	A consolidation phase with no new sounds	introduced.			
Tought in					
Taught in Reception	In this phase, pupils are taught to read words with combinations of adjacent				
Reception	consonants: CVCC – e.g paint, beast				
	CCVC – e.g. spoon, crash				
	CCVCC- e.g. frost, twist				
	CCCVC – e.g. strap, street CCCVC – e.g. sprint, shrink				
	Recommended duration is approximately 4-6 weeks.				
Phase 5	New graphemes for reading:				
Taught throughout Year 1	ау	way, say, clay, play, playing, stay, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, May			
	ou	cloud, fountain, loudest, round, mouth, around, sound, about , out			
	ie	dries, flies, lie, pie, skies, spied, tie, cried, tried			
	оу	boy, employ, enjoy, oyster, royal, toys, annoy			
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ir	birth, first, girl, sir, skirt, third, twirling, shirt, bird
ue	blue, glue, clue, issues, tissue, true, venue, rescue, Tuesday
aw	claws, dawn, draw, hawk, jigsaw, prawn, yawn
ey)	key, donkey, kidney, jockey, turkey, valley
wh	wheel, which, whip, whirling, whisk, whisper
ph	alphabet, dolphin, elephant, phonics, sphinx
ew	chew, drew, flew, grew, jewel, phew, screw, stew, new, few, threw
au	astronaut, August, author, hauling, haunt, launch
ea	beads, clean, dream, least, sea, speaking, treat, each, peach
oe	toe, hoe, doe, foe, woe, goes, tomatoes
a-e	take, game, rake, snake, safe, same, flame
e-e	these, even, theme, gene, complete:
i-e	like, pine, ripe, shine, prize, five, side, while
о-е	hope, hole, bone, phone, home, alone, those, stone, woke
u-e	June, tube, tune, flute, use, prune, rude, rule
ore	more, core, snore
are	care, spare, share
Alternative pronunciation of gra	aphemes for reading:
с	icy, accident, circus, circle, saucer, face, pencil, space, surface, December
g	agile, cage, gem, ginger, huge, magic, page, rage
а	table
ch	school
ch	chef
e	we, she, he
	unit
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u y	by, dry,



happy, messy, funny, party
want, wash, was, wash
blind, child, spider, wild, Friday, kind
go, no, old, only, most, so, November,
herb
bread, breakfast, deaf, feather, head, heaven, instead, meant, read
field, relief. thief
blow, low, rowing, snow, show, tow, window
group, soup, you
boulder, shoulder
could, would, should
bear, pear, wear
hedge
cheese
kitchen
vision
measure
action
mansion
mission
special
sign
knee
write
thumb
work



ear	learn