A COMPLETE PHONICS RESOURCE
TO SUPPORT CHILDREN

St Mary's Primary School

Parent workshop:

Phonics and Early Reading

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

St Mary's uses *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* as our Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) programme to teach early reading and spelling.



It teaches children:

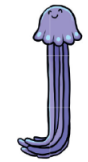
- **Grapheme–phoneme correspondences (GPCs)**
- How to **blend** sounds for reading
- How to **segment** sounds for spelling
- Tricky/common exception words
- How to apply phonics knowledge in **decodable reading**

Teaching order

Phase 2 grapheme information sheet — Autumn 1

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
s s	 snake	Show your teeth and and let the **s** hiss out **ssssss ssssss**	Under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.
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t t	 tiger	Open your lips; put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press **t t t**	From the tiger's nose to its tail, then follow the stripe across the tiger.
p p	 penguin	Bring your lips together and push them open and say **p p p**	Down the penguin's back, up and round its head.
i i	 iguana	pull your lips back and make the '**i**' sound at the back of your mouth **i i i**	Down the iguana's body, then draw a dot [on the leaf] at the top.
n n		Open your lips a bit,put your tongue behind your teeth and make the **nnnnn** sound **nnnnn**	Down the stick, up and over the net.

Phase 2 grapheme information sheet — Autumn 2

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
j j	 jellyfish	Pucker your lips and show your teeth use your tongue as you say **j j j**	All the way down the jellyfish. Dot on its head.
v v	 volcano	Put your teeth against your bottom lip and make a buzzing **vvvv vvvv**	Down to the bottom of the volcano, and back up to the top.
w w	 wave	Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say **w w w**	From the top of the wave to the bottom, up the wave, down the wave, then up again.
x x	 box	Mouth open then push the **cs/x** sound through as you close your mouth **cs cs cs** (**x x x**)	Start at the top, then across to the bottom of the box. Start at the top, then across to the bottom of the box.
y y		Smile, tongue to the top of	Down and round the yo-yo,

Let's say the phase 2 sounds



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 1



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 2

s ss	t tt	p pp	n nn	m mm	d dd	g gg	c k ck cc	r rr
h	b bb	f ff	l ll	j	v vv	w	x	y
z zz s	qu	ch	sh	th	ng	nk		

a	e	i	o	u

Gradually your child learns the entire alphabetic code:

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised 2021: Programme progression

Reception and Year 1 overviews

This programme overview shows the progression of GPCs and tricky words that we teach term-by-term. The progression has been organised so that children are taught from the simple to more complex GPCs, as well as taking into account the frequency of their occurrence in the most commonly encountered words. All the graphemes taught are practised in words, sentences, and later on, in fully decodable books. Children review and revise GPCs and words, daily, weekly and across terms and years, in order to move this knowledge into their long term memory.

Children need to learn to read as quickly as reasonably possible, so they can move from learning to read, to reading to learn, giving them access to the treasure house of reading. Our expectations of progression are aspirational yet achievable if schools maintain pace, practice and participation by all children. Children who are not keeping-up with their peers should be given additional practice immediately through keep-up sessions.

Reception

Autumn 1 Phase 2 graphemes	New tricky words
s a t p i n m d g o c k ck e u r h b f l	is I the

Autumn 2 Phase 2 graphemes	New tricky words
ff ll ss j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng nk • words with –s /s/ added at the end (hats sits) • words ending –s /z/ (his) and with –s /z/ added at the end (bags)	put* pull* full* as and has his her go no to into she push* he of we me be

*The tricky words 'put', 'pull', 'full' and 'push' may not be tricky in some regional pronunciations; in which case, they should not be treated as such.

Spring 1 Phase 3 graphemes	New tricky words
ai ee igh oa oo **oo** ar or ur ow oi ear air er • words with double letters • longer words	was you they my by all are sure pure

Spring 2 Phase 3 graphemes	No new tricky words
Review Phase 3 • longer words, including those with double letters • words with –s /z/ in the middle • words with –es /z/ at the end • words with –s /s/ and /z/ at the end	Review all taught so far

Summer 1 Phase 4	New tricky words
Short vowels with adjacent consonants • CVCC CCVC CCVCC CCCVC CCCVCC • longer words and compound words • words ending in suffixes: –ing, –ed /t/, –ed /id/ /ed/, –est	said so have like some come love do were here little says there when what one out today

Year 1

Autumn 1	Review tricky words Phases 2–4
Review Phase 3 and 4 **Phase 5** /ai/ ay play /ow/ ou cloud /oi/ oy toy /ea/ ea each	Phases 2–4: the put* pull* full* push* to into I no go of he she we me be was you they all are my by sure pure said have like so do some come love were there little one when out what says here today

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Autumn 2 Phase 5 graphemes	New tricky words
/ur/ ir bird /igh/ ie pie /oo/ /yoo/ ue blue rescue /yoo/ u unicorn /oa/ o go /igh/ i tiger /ai/ a paper /ee/ e he /ai/ a-e shake /igh/ i-e time /oa/ o-e home /oo/ /yoo/ u-e rude cute /ee/ e-e these /oo/ /yoo/ ew chew new /ee/ ie shield /or/ aw claw	their people oh your Mr Mrs Ms ask* could would should our house mouse water want

*The tricky word 'ask' may not be tricky in some regional pronunciations; in which case, it should not be treated as such.

Spring 1 Phase 5 graphemes	New tricky words
/ee/ y funny /e/ ea head /w/ wh wheel /oa/ oe ou toe shoulder /igh/ y fly /oa/ ow snow	any many again who whole where two school call different thought through friend work

Progression of Learning

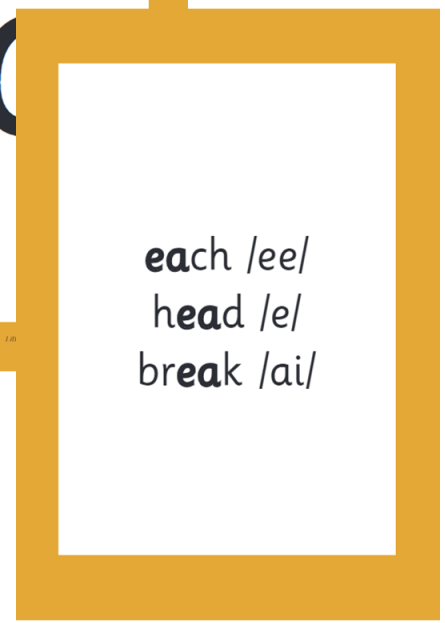
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Build the foundations	Review Phase 2-4	Phase 5 Review: secure, apply, catch up
Phase 2	Phase 5	Bridge to Spelling
Phase 3	Alternative pronunciations (ow – cow, snow) and spellings (/ai/ - day, rain)	Fluency and Comprehension
Phase 4	Phonics Screening Check	Spelling Lessons

Little Wandle's core programme is designed for Reception and Year 1. In Year 2 and beyond, children who have not secured phonics can access **Rapid Catch-up**, which mirrors the main programme at a faster pace.

How we make learning stick











Tricky words

- These words have unusual spellings e.g. he, the, was.
- They are taught in a systematic way.
- Children are now learning to read the Phase 2 tricky words: is, I, the, put, pull, full, as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me, be.



Reading and spelling

Spelling

- Your child will be taught how to spell simple words, using the graphemes they have been taught.
- They will practise the correct formation of letters. They will also have handwriting lessons.

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How do we teach spelling?

- Say the word.
- Segment the sounds.
- Count the sounds.
- Write them down.

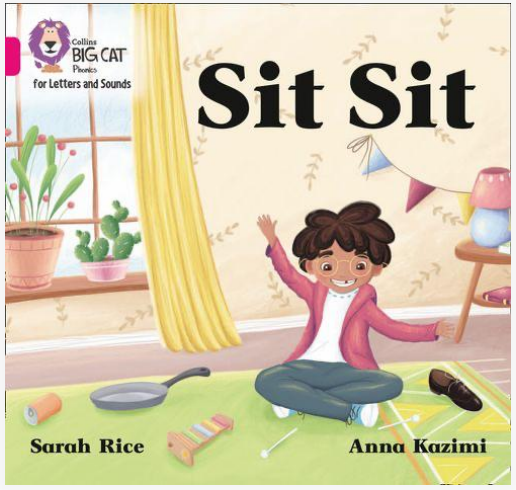


How do we practise reading in books?

Reading practice sessions are:

- timetabled twice a week
- taught by a trained teacher/teaching assistant
- taught in small groups
- children in Reception will bring a book home by half-term.







How do we find the right book for your child?

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised Reception
Child assessment

Autumn 1

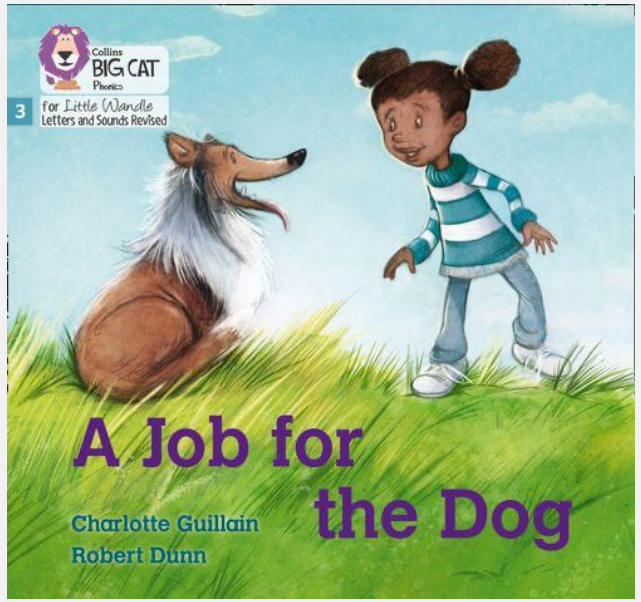
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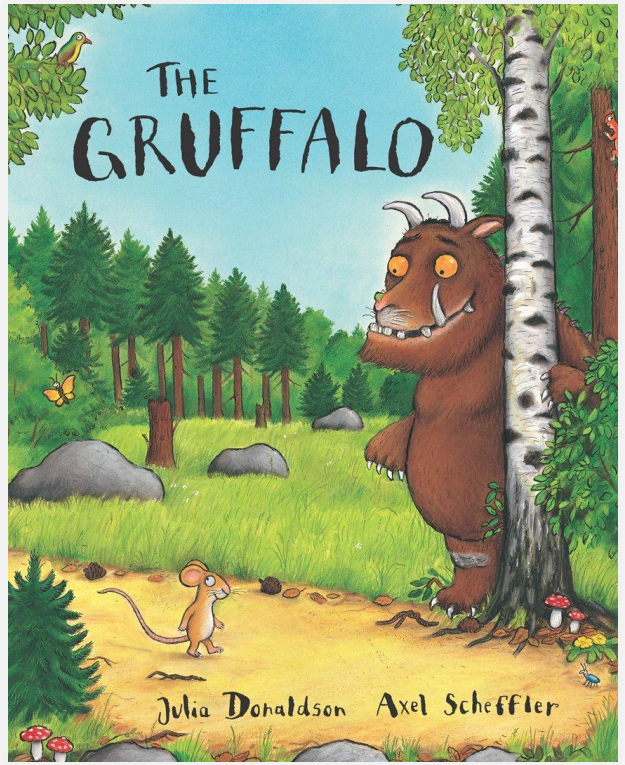


Reading at home

Books going home







Listening to your child read their phonics book

- Your child should be able to read their book without your help.
- They might sound out words and blend them before they read them fluently.
- If they can't read a word, read it to them.
- Talk about the book and celebrate their success.



Reading wordless books

Wordless books are invaluable as they teach reading behaviours and early reading skills to children who are not blending – yet!

- Talk about the pictures.
- Point to the images in the circles and find them on the page.
- Encourage your child to make links from the book to their experiences.



Read to your child

The shared book is for YOU to read:

- Make the story sound as exciting as you can by changing your voice.
- Talk with your child as much as you can:
  - Introduce new and exciting language.
  - Encourage your child to use new vocabulary.
  - Make up sentences together.
  - Find different words to use.
  - Describe things you see.



The most important thing you can do is read with your child

Reading a book and chatting had a positive impact a year later on children's ability to…

- understand words and sentences
- use a wide range of vocabulary
- develop listening comprehension skills.

The amount of books children were exposed to by age 6 was a positive predictor of their reading ability two years later.



Parental involvement in the development of children's reading skills: A five-year longitudinal study (2002) Senechal, M. and Lefvre, J