Phonics - Overview of Phases

PHASE 1

Ongoing

Nursery/ Reception high promotion

- o 6 aspects of phase 1 which are ongoing throughout.
- o Some children develop this at different stages (particularly children with SEND).
- o Environmental sounds
 - develop listening and awareness of sounds
 - listening and remembering sounds
 - talking about sounds.
- o *Instrumental sounds*
 - develop awareness of instrument sounds
 - to appreciate the difference between instrument sounds and others
 - to use a wider vocabulary to talk about sounds

o **Body Percussion**

- to develop awareness of sound and rhythms
- to recall patterns of sounds
- to talk about sounds we can make with our bodies

o *Rhythm and Rhyme*

- to experience rhythm and rhyme and develop awareness of rhythm and rhyme within speech.
- to increase awareness of rhyming words

o *Alliteration*

- to develop understanding of alliteration
- to hear the difference between different starting sounds within words
- to explore how different sounds are articulated

Voice Sounds

- to distinguish between different vocal sounds (including oral blending and segmenting)
- to explore speech sounds
- to talk about different sounds we can make with our voices

PHASE 2

6 Weeks

Autumn term of reception

• Children to be taught the phase 2 phonemes in the following order alongside the written grapheme.

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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
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- Children to be taught to orally blend and segment CVC words using the phase 2 phonemes.
- Children to be taught to blend and read the following high frequency words alongside the set of phonemes

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Set 1 – a, at, as

Set 2 – is, it, in, an, I

Set 3 - and, on, not, into, can, no, go

Set 4 – to, get, got, the, back, put,

Set 5 – no, go, his, him, of, dad, mum, up
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o Children to also learn the alphabet and the correlation between phoneme and letter name.

PHASE 3

10 weeks

Spring term of reception

• Children to be taught the phase 3 phoneme in the following order alongside the written graphemes.

Set 6 - j, v, w, x

Set 7 – y, z, zz, qu (last of Letters and Sounds 'sets')

- sh, th, ch, ng
- ai, ee, long oo, short oo
- oa, ar, or, igh
- ur, ow, oi, ear
- er, air, ure
- o Diagraphs should be modelled to the children in joined handwriting to support the children with understanding that 2 letters together make 1 sound. (This coincides with the Nelson Phonics & Handwriting programme which is also school policy).
- o Children to blend and segment CVC words using a range of phonemes previously learnt (Phase 2/3).
- Children to be taught to blend and read the following high frequency words alongside the set of phonemes.
 - off, can, had, back
 - are, see
 - was, will, with
 - my, for, too
 - you, this, that
 - they, then, them, down
 - her, now
 - all, look
- o Children to be taught to read the following tricky words.
 - we, me, he, be, she
- o Children to read decodable two-syllable words.
- o Children to read and write sentences using set 1 to 6 (phase2) letters and no, go, the, and, to, I.
- o Children to practise reading and writing captions and sentences.

PHASE 4

4 weeks

Summer term of reception (revisited in Autumn 1, Year 1)

- o Children to revise and recall all Phase 2 and 3 phonemes.
- o Children to read and write CCVC and CVCC words.
- o Children to practise reading and spelling previously taught high frequency words.
- o Children to read and spell two-syllable words
- o Children to learn to <u>spell</u> the tricky words: we, me, he, be, she, they, all, are, my, her
- o Children to <u>read</u> tricky words: said, so, was, you, have, like, some, come, were, there, little, one, do, when, out, what
- Children to <u>read</u> decodable words: went, from, it's, just, help, children,

PHASE 5

30 weeks

Autumn 2, Spring, Summer of Year 1

- o Children to be taught new graphemes for reading in the following order (Phase 5 Letters and Sounds):
 - wh, ph, ew, or, au, e, a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e, 'zh' (treasure), ore
- O Children to be taught <u>alternative pronunciations</u> for the following letters: i, o, c, g, u, ow, ie, ea, er, ch, a, y, ou, e, ey,
- O Children to be taught <u>alternative spellings</u> for the following phonemes: ch, j, n, r, m, s, z, u, ear, ar, ur, air, or, oo, ai, ee, igh, oa, (y)oo, oo, sh
- o Children to practise reading and spelling all previously taught High Frequency Words.
- o Children to read and spelling polysyllabic words.
- o Children to read and write sentences.
- o Children to <u>read</u> the following words:
 oh, old, their, people, house, about, Mr. Mrs. don't, by, looked, time, your, called, asked, very, water, where, day, who, because, again, different, thought, any, saw, through, eyes, work, friends, mouse, once, could, put, many, good, away, laughed, want, over, how, did, man
- o Children to <u>spell</u> the following words:
 said, so, have, like, some, come, were, there, when, out, made, came, one, make,
 here, do, what, please, little, oh, how, did, man, their, going, people, would, or, Mr,
 Mrs, took, home, looked, who, think, called, school, didn't, asked, know, can't, ran,
 bear, long, things, new, eat, everyone, our, two, has, yes, play, take, will, find, more,
 I'll, round, tree, magic, shouted, us, other
- o Children to practise recognition and recall of graphemes and different pronunciations of graphemes as they are learned.
- Children to practise <u>reading and spelling</u> words with adjacent consonants and words with newly learned graphemes.

PHASE 6

24 weeks

Spring/
Summer
Year 2
NB: some
of phase 6
has
changed
within the
new
curriculum

- o Children to be taught past tense, past tense (irregular verbs)
- o Children to be taught to <u>spell polysyllabic</u> words animals, garden, another, everyone, dragon, morning, granddad, narrator, classroom, together, grandmother, fishfinger, springboard, clingfilm, nightmare, nightdress, founder, importantly, especially, confidently, immediately, enormous, terrific, horrific, fantastic,
- o Children to learn and practise <u>writing common</u> words keep, last, even, before, been, must, hard, am, run, red, bed, air, gran, key, fun, inside, hat, snow, live, next, first, lots, need, fish, gave, may, still, found, say, soon, night, best, bad, tea, top, fell, box, sleep, told, hot, book, cold, park, dark, gone, please, ever, miss, cat, after, much, most, tell, boat, let, every, stop, right, sea, began, feet, around, great, suck, horse, rabbit, small, giant, use, along, grow, sat, window, really, floppy, baby, door, boy, food, fox, way, room, these, car, three, head, king, town, its, green, girl, which, wind, wish, fly, only, place, mother, queen, fast, dog,
- o Children to be taught a range of memory strategies for spellings.
- o Children to learn how to use the following suffixes:
 - -ed jumped, cried, stopped, wanted, lived, liked, pulled,
 - -ing something, looking, coming, thing,
 - -er never, better, under, river
 - -est tallest, shortest, longest
 - -s/es clothes, birds, plants,
 - -ly suddenly, lovely, carefully,
 - -y funny, chatty,
 - -ness homelessness, hopelessness, forgetfulness,
 - -ment enjoyment, requirement, achievement,
 - -ful joyful, cheerful, successful,
 - -less homeless, priceless,
 - -en loosen,
- o Children to be taught how to proof read.
- Children to be taught <u>contractions</u> using the common words that's, I've, let's, there's, he's, we're, couldn't.
- O Children to be taught rules for <u>common positions</u> of a phoneme/grapheme. E.g. ai/oi do not occur in ends of words so are changed to the ay/oy grapheme.
- o Children to be taught common <u>spelling pattern 'W Special'</u>; that when an 'o' sound follows a 'w' it is represented by letter 'a'.
- Children to be taught common <u>spelling pattern</u> that when an 'ur' sound comes after a 'w', it is usually spelt 'or'. The exception being 'were'.
- o Children to be taught how to use a dictionary.
- o Children to be taught common <u>spelling pattern</u> that an 'or' sound before an 'l' is usually spelt with an 'a'.
- o Children to be taught difference between their and there.