

Phonics practice at home

What is phonics?

Phonics is a way of teaching reading. Your child will be taught two crucial things when they are learning to read using phonics:

1. How sounds are represented by written letters. For example, they will be taught that the letter 'm' represents an mmm sound.
2. How sounds can be blended together to make words. For example, they will be taught that the sounds of the letters 'c-a-t' blend together to make the word 'cat'.

Your child will be taught to read letters or groups of letters by saying the sound (or sounds) they represent. Your child will then start reading by blending the sounds together to make words.

The most important thing when practicing phonics with your child is that you are saying the sounds in the correct way. It is important that children learn to say the letter sound and not the name of the letter. A good way to make sure you are saying the sounds correctly is by watching this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

There are lots of activities you can do at home to help your child practice their phonic skills. This includes accessing Bug club, Educationcity and Espresso which you should have your child's log in and password information for. Also, there are lots of ideas in the home learning tab on our school website. Enjoy!