**Useful Terminology**

**Grapheme**

The letter or letters that are the code for the sound (what you can see)

**Phoneme**

The smallest identifiable sounds of speech (what you can hear)

**Blending**

Identify the graphemes from left to right of the printed word, say the sounds and blend them to hear the whole word. In Floppy’s phonics the blending process is called decoding.

**Segmenting**

Identify the sounds from beginning to end of the spoken word. Write down a grapheme for each identified sound to spell the word. In Floppy’s phonics the segmenting process is called encoding. Floppy’s phonics uses the method of tallying sounds to your fingers to help the children segment.



**Helpful words**

These are sometimes referred to as common exception words or tricky words. These words have unusual spelling which need special attention to note the tricky part, e.g. the, one, once, who, are, their.