



Phonics – Home Reading Guide



Phase 2

Your child will now be reading books from our Phase 2 collection of home readers. In Phase 2 they will learn 19 letters of the alphabet, along with the first 6 tricky words. They will use this knowledge to read simple words and captions from our home reader.

When sharing your home reader:

- I need to use my phonics skills to break the flow of words into sounds. Encourage me to say the word once I have broken it down into sounds before moving onto the next word.
- When I am reading to you ask me questions that encourage me to make my own predictions as to what may happen next.
- Once I have retold the story a number of times ask me who, what, why and where questions e.g. Where is dad? Why is he happy? What is Chip doing?
- I should read my book for 5 to 10 minutes each night

Set 1 – s a t p	Tricky words I no to the go into	Decodable words At, as, an, it, in, is, dad, can, on, not, got, mum, up, get, had, back, his, big, him, if, of, off, but
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 2 Glossary

Phoneme: A single sound that be made by one or more letters. E.G. s, k, oo and igh.

Diagraph: Two letters which together make one sound.

Segment: Splitting up a word into the individual sounds.

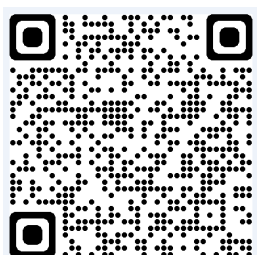
Grapheme: Written letters or a group of letters, which represent one single sound.

Blend: Saying the individual sounds that make up a word and then merging or blending the sounds together to say the word.

Tricky word: Words that we cannot blend and segment.

Top Tip – Make your own tricky word flashcards and use them to practise reading and word recognition. Try sticking them onto your fridge or bedroom door.

Ideas for supporting Phase 2 development at home



Bbc bitesize



Jolly Phonic songs

Sticky Label Phonic Hunt

To help your child make links between sounds, letters and words, you could try having a phonic hunt in the house. Use sticky notes and write different letters that your child knows the sound for. Get your child to find something in the room that begins with that sound/letter and attach the sticky note to it. How many can they find?