



**Dallington CE Primary School**

**Phonics information for parents**

# What is Bug Club phonics?

- ▶ Bug Club phonics is a Department of Education (DFE) approved phonics scheme.
- ▶ Bug Club Phonics aims to help all children in your school learn to read by the age of six in a fun and accessible way.
- ▶ The whole school programme matches the National Curriculum and Early Learning Goals.
- ▶ There is a mixture of books/e-books and digital games that underpin the high quality teaching the children receive daily.



# What we do at Dallington:

- ▶ The children in Key Stage 1 receive phonics teaching daily
  - ▶ Bug Club provides the structured programme that is followed.
  - ▶ The sounds are reinforced throughout the day - in reading, spelling or talking.
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- ▶ You are welcome to ask your child's class teacher about their progress in phonics

# PHONEME

- The smallest unit of sound in a word.
- There are 44 phonemes that we teach.

## Simple Speed Sounds chart

Consonants: stretchy

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
										nk

Consonants: bouncy

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
	k											

Vowels: bouncy

Vowels: stretchy

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
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Vowels: stretchy

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy
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## Complex Speed Sounds chart

### Consonants: stretchy

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz	ti		nk
ph	le	mb	kn	wr	se		s	ci		
					c					
					ce					

### Consonants: bouncy

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
bb	k	dd	gg		g	pp		tt	wh			tch
	ck				ge							
	ch											

### Vowels

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea				a-e	y	i-e	o-e
					ai	ea	ie	oa
						e	i	o

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy	ire	ear	ure
u-e			oor	are	ur	ow	oi			
ue			ore		er					
ew			aw							
			au							

# Graphemes are:

- ▶ Letters representing a phoneme
- ▶ eg. d ay igh
- ▶ When children practise recognising the grapheme and saying the phoneme that it represents on a daily basis they will be confident readers in a very short time.

# Blending is:

- ▶ Recognising the letter sounds in a written word, for example
- ▶ C-a-t
- ▶ and merging or 'blending' them in the order in which they are written to pronounce the word cat.
- ▶ Activities that you can do at home include segmenting some words that form part of instructions eg;
- ▶ Please go and get the b-r-oo-m.
  
- ▶ Then the child will say the word and follow

# Phonics screening check

- ▶ The Government requires each school to complete a Phonic Screening Check for all year 1 children.
- ▶ The check takes place in June
- ▶ The check is carried out on a one to one basis, by a teacher who knows your child well and who they feel comfortable with.
- ▶ Since 2020 there has also been a Phonics Screening Check for year 2 children. This was following the disruption caused by COVID. This check was in the Autumn term - if a child did not pass they could resit with the year 1's in June.



# The format of the check

- ▶ The check will consist of 40 words: 20 real words and 20 pseudo words.
- ▶ There are 2 sections. The first section has simple word structures. The second section has more complex word structures including 2 syllable words.

# Here are some examples

## ▶ Section 1

### Real words

week

start

best

chill

### Pseudo words

vap

geck

tox

thazz

▶ Section 2

▶ Real words

slide

blank

phone

finger

Pseudo words

fape

blurst

voo

terg

- ▶ We hope this information was useful to you.
- ▶ If you have any questions please ask a member of staff
- ▶ Thank you for your support