



Reception

Early Reading Meeting

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What is Phonics?

- ✓ Children have daily Phonics sessions.
- ✓ This involves the discrete teaching of phonics to support reading.
- ✓ Children are taught to read by breaking down words into separate **sounds** or ‘phonemes’ .
- ✓ They are then taught how to **blend** these sounds together to read the whole word
- ✓ There are around 40 different sounds.



Phonics Terminology

- **Phoneme** is the smallest unit of sound in a word e.g. c-u-p c-a-t d-o-g
- **Grapheme** is a letter or a number of letters that represents a sound (phoneme) in a word e.g. ai igh
- **Segmenting** consists of breaking words down into phonemes (sounds) to spell.
- **Blending** consists of building words from phonemes to read.

Both skills are important.



Phonics Terminology

- **Digraph** is when two letters make one sound e.g. oa in boat.
- **Trigraph** is when three letters make one sound e.g. igh in light
- **Split digraph** is when two letters are not adjacent e.g. a_e in cake.



Phonics Terminology

- **VC, CVC, CVCC and CCVC** are abbreviations and describe the order of graphemes in a word.

e.g.

am (VC – vowel-consonant)

Sam (CVC – consonant–vowel-consonant)

Slam (CCVC – consonant-consonant-vowel-consonant)

At Hazelbury, we use 'Monster Phonics'

Monster Phonics is a **highly-engaging, structured, synthetic phonics programme**. It accelerates learning by allowing children to learn new graphemes by using monsters to group graphemes for recall and to provide an easy and fun memory cue for children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJsIpcXdI7Y>



Structure for the daily Phonics Session (25 minutes)

Lesson Structure

Each Reception phonics lesson follows a consistent and easy-to-use structure:

1. **Review & Teach** – Recap and introduce new learning.
 2. **Hook** – Engage your pupils with a fun, meaningful introduction.
 3. **Practice & Apply** – Reinforce skills through reading and writing.
 4. **High-Frequency Words** – Teach and apply Reception HFWs and Common Exception Words (CEWs).
- **Skills Focus**
Sound identification, blending to read and segmenting to spell are at the heart of every lesson.

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Visit the Planning Section to download the full Termly Plan with Learning Objectives and Assessment for each week.

Review & Teach

1.



Action

Weave your hand in an s shape like a seahorse. Say sss.

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Hook

2.



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Practise & Apply

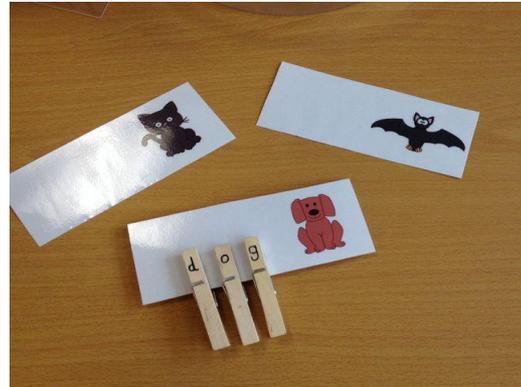
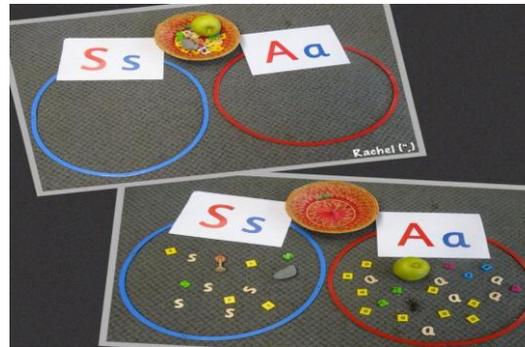
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Phonics – Continuous Provision

Different activities are included within continuous provision to engage children in Phonics and develop their understanding.



Sounds that will be taught this year in Reception

Sound Mat 1

s 	a 	t 	p 	i 	n 	m 	d 
g 	o 	c 	k 	ck 	e 	u 	r 
h 	b 	f 	ff 	l 	ll 	ss 	

Sounds that will be taught this year in Reception

Sound Mat 1

j 	v 	w 	x 	y 	z 	zz 
qu 	ch 	sh 	th 	th 	ng 	

Sounds that will be taught this year in Reception

Sound Mat 1

<p>oo</p>  <p>moon</p>	<p>ar</p>  <p>star</p>	<p>oo</p>  <p>look</p>	<p>ow</p>  <p>cow</p>	<p>ee</p>  <p>sheep</p>	<p>ur</p>  <p>curl</p>	<p>ai</p>  <p>rain</p>
<p>or</p>  <p>fork</p>	<p>oa</p>  <p>boat</p>	<p>er</p>  <p>digger</p>	<p>igh</p>  <p>light</p>	<p>air</p>  <p>chair</p>	<p>oi</p>  <p>soil</p>	
<p>ear</p>  <p>hear</p>	<p>ure</p>  <p>cure</p>					

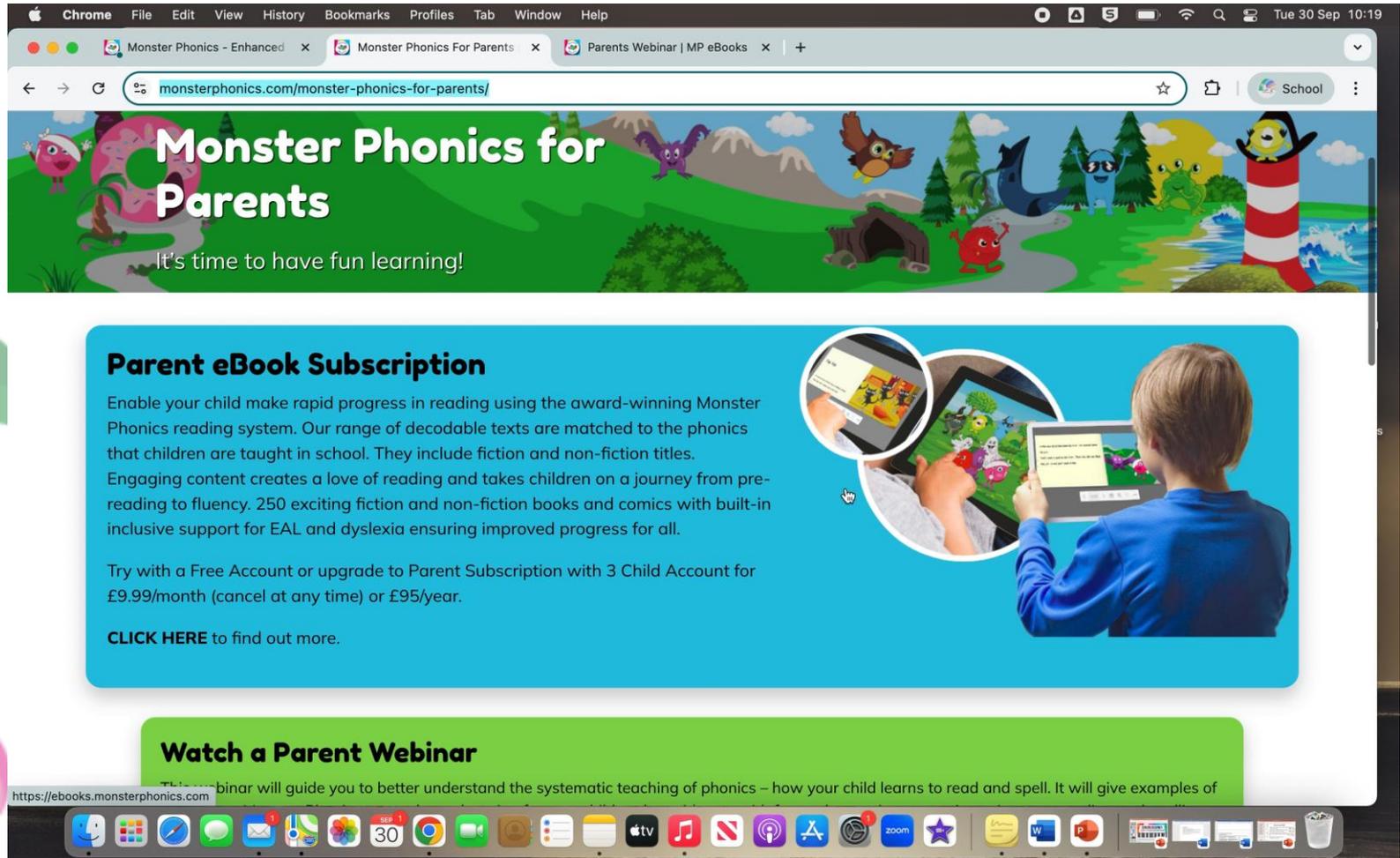
Pronunciation of each Reception phoneme



<https://monsterphonics.com/resources-lessons/reception-5/>

Parent Guidance

<https://monsterphonics.com/monster-phonics-for-parents/>



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Watch a Parent Webinar

This webinar will guide you to better understand the systematic teaching of phonics – how your child learns to read and spell. It will give examples of

<https://ebooks.monsterphonics.com>

Monster Phonics Books



How can you help?

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- ✓ Encourage your child to use their sounds when looking at any type of text – books, posters, signs, etc
 - ✓ Listen to the Phonics Pronunciation Guide to become familiar with how letters are pronounced using their pure sounds

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s

- ✓ Read with your child every day and encourage them to:
 - Sound out, re-read to check it makes sense, and use pictures for clues
 - Ask questions about the book
 - Sign your child's reading record
- ✓ Most importantly enjoy reading and promote a love of books!

Phonics - Any questions?

