

# Phonics

Words are made of a combination of sounds. In the English language, there are 44 sounds but only 26 letters. Phonics teaches children to recognise the sounds that each letter or group of letters makes, how to put them together to read words and how to break them apart to spell words.

## What is a phoneme?

A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound in speech. It is simply the speech sound that is made by the mouth. Each letter represents a sound for example, 'bat' has three phonemes: 'b', 'a' and 't'.

## What is a grapheme?

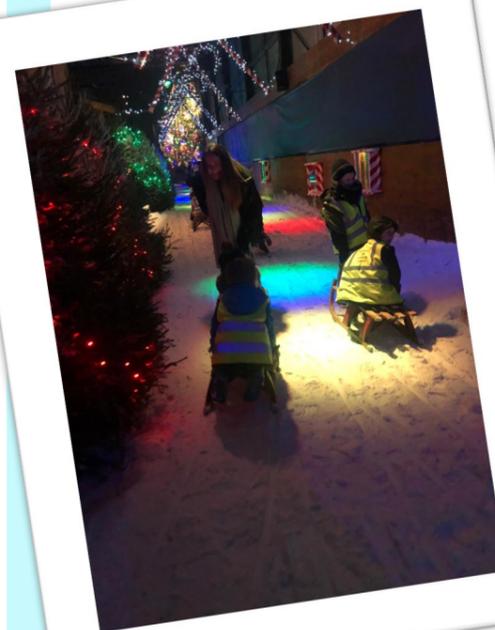
A grapheme is the single letter or group of letters that we write to represent a sound (phoneme). Graphemes can be made up of 1, 2, 3 or 4 letters.

In Year 1, children recap previous phonics (phase 2,3 and 4) and then are taught Phase 5 phonics. Phase 2 includes single sounds. For example, 's', 'a', 't', 'p.' Phase 3 includes digraphs and trigraphs, which just means one sound with two or three letters. For example, 'er,' 'ar,' 'oo' are digraphs and 'igh' and 'air' are trigraphs. Phase 4 includes more tricky words and phase 5 teaches children more graphemes for different sounds eg 'ie' and 'igh'

Go here: <http://meridenceprimaryschool.co.uk/phonics.html> to find out more!

# A Guide to...

# Year 1!



# Welcome to Year 1 with...



Miss Davis



Mrs Angus



## Individual Rewards

Certificates for 100, 200, 500, 750 and 1000 points

Name put on 'Roll of Honour'



## Class Rewards

2000 : extra play hour

5000 : film and popcorn

7500 : extra STEM day

10000 : bring in a toy/game

15000: ice-cream party

## Points are given for...

### Behaviour

Good listening  
Reading at home  
Helping others  
Perseverance  
Contribution



Good manners  
Values (3)

Tidying

Look your best (2)  
Caught being good



### Work

Positive attitude to work  
Doing your best  
Presentation  
Homework (5)



# Trips!

## West Midlands Safari



## Conkers!



## Exciting Opportunities!

### Christmas Play



Can take part in the



## A Typical Day in Year 1 (after transition period)

8.45 AM Doors open and morning tasks

9.10-9.30 Worship

9.30-10.30 Maths

10.30-10.45 Break time

10.45-11.00—Phonics

11.00-12.05—English (Reading/  
Writing)

12.05-1.15 PM Lunch

1.15—1.30—1:1 Reading time

1.30—3.15 Foundation subjects e.g.  
Computing, Geography, Art etc

3.10 Class Story

3.30 Home

Extra curricular clubs available until 4.30 PM  
throughout the year. Letters in due course.

# Getting Organised

## PE

- Monday afternoons
- Indoor kit - navy shorts, house (red/yellow/green/blue) t-shirt, black pumps
- Outdoor kit - dark or navy tracksuit and trainers

## Reading books

- Children's reading books are changed once a week and are provided 2-3 books to read at home.
- Children are listened to reading once in a 2-week cycle on a 1:1 basis with an adult.

## Homework

- Half termly tasks will be set in the usual format
- Children should read daily, practise their spellings and access online learning tools such as Bug Club and Mathletics.

## Spellings

Spellings will be given out every Friday and will be tested on the following Friday.



## Year 1 Topics

Autumn - Toys

Spring - Antarctica

Summer 1 - Me and My World

Summer 2—The Enchanted Forest

