



Early Letters and Sounds

- Children need to know that every word is made up of letters and that different letters have different sounds
- Children need to be able to hear and say the sounds. In the Nursery children are introduced to The Jolly Phonics sounds – for more information on this click on (<http://jollylearning.co.uk/overview-about-jolly-phonics/>)
- To begin with focus on beginning letter sounds of words (Initial sounds)
- Sing alphabet songs, do alphabet puzzles, look at picture dictionaries pointing out groups of words/ objects beginning with the same sound
- Play “ I spy games” – remember to say the letter sound rather than the letter name
- Play cvc (consonant, vowel, consonant) sound blending games/songs like this: c-a-t or d-o-g. See if your child can blend the sounds to make the words. Tell them when it’s time for b-e-d! Have some fun and make up some nonsense cvc words took such as s-o-t to see if your child is really listening. Practicing this skill over and over will really help your child develop vital phonics skills need for early reading
- At Whitley Park the phonics scheme we use is Ruth Miskin’s Read, Write, Inc – to find out more about this scheme click on this link www.ruthmiskin.com



We say the jingle when children are learning to form the letter sound correctly

- a - round the apple and down the leaf (apple)
- b - down the laces to the heel and round the toe (boot)
- c - curl around the caterpillar (caterpillar)
- d - round his bottom up his tall neck and down to his feet (dinosaur)
- e - lift off the top and scoop out the egg (egg)
- f - down the stem and draw the leaves (flower)
- g - round her face, down her hair and give her a curl (girl)
- h - down the head to the hooves and up and over his back (horse)
- i - down the body and a dot for the head (insect)
- j - down his body curl and dot (jack in the box)
- k - down the kangaroo's body tail and leg (kangaroo)
- l - down the long leg (leg)
- m - Maisie mountain mountain (mountain)
- n - down nobby and over his net (nobby and his net)
- o - all around the orange (orange)
- p - down the plait and over the pirates face (pirate)
- q - round her head over up past her earrings and down her hair (queen)
- r - down his back and over his arm (robot)
- s - slither down the snake (snake)
- t - down the tower and across the tower (tower)
- u - down and under up to the top and draw the puddle (umbrella)
- v - down a wing and up a wing (vulture)
- w - down up down up (worm)
- x - cross down the arm and leg and cross the other way (kiss)
- y - down a horn up a horn and under his chin (yak)
- z - zig zag zig (zip)



