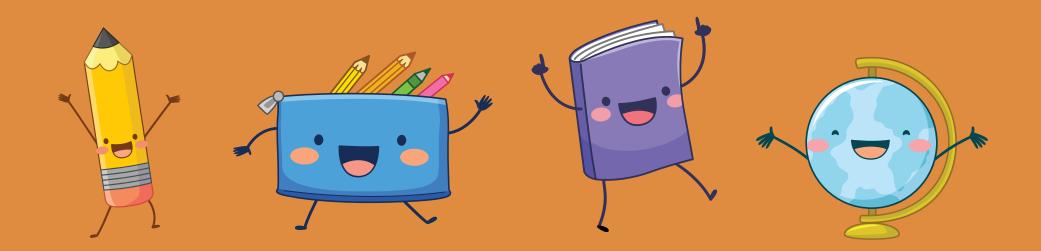
Mill Lane Community Primary School

Phonics Coffee Morning

17<sup>th</sup> October 2023



## What is Phonics?

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- Phonics is a way of teaching children how to read and write.
- It helps children hear, identify and use different sounds that distinguish one word from another in the English language.
- Phonics involves matching the sounds of spoken English with individual letters or groups of letters. For example, the sound *k* can be spelled as c, k, ck or ch.

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### How phonics supports reading?

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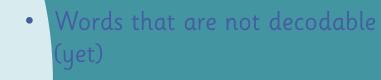
Children are encouraged to sound out words when reading



- As children move into Year 1 they begin to learn that for most phonemes (sounds) there are many different graphemes (letter combinations) that can be used
- Try the different phonemes until you blend a word that makes sense.

/or/ or a aw au ore oor al oar our ar augh aur

## What are tricky words?



- Learn the "tricky" parts
- Found in every book sent home
- Play games and have displayed in the room

#### Little Wandle tricky words Year 1

**pure** sure they was you

Taught in Phase 2	Taught in Phase 4
be	come
full	do
go	have
he	here
I	like
into	little
	love
me	
no	one
of	out
pull	said
push	says
put	SO
she	some
the	there
to	today
we	were
	what
Taught in Phase 3	when
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by	
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**Note:** Some of the tricky words become decodable as children learn more GPCs. Refer to the 'Support for tricky words' documents for information. Words that remain tricky at the end of the Little Wandle programme are shown in **bold** above.

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Whatever you do at home...make it enjoyable.

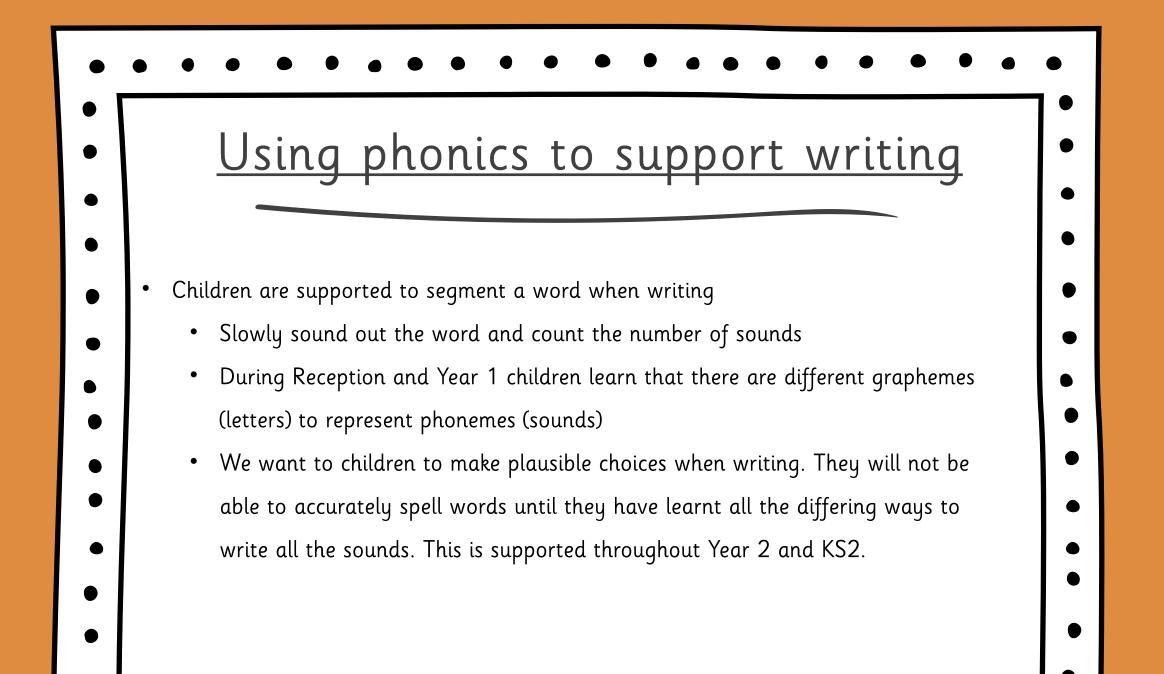
Read one page a day.

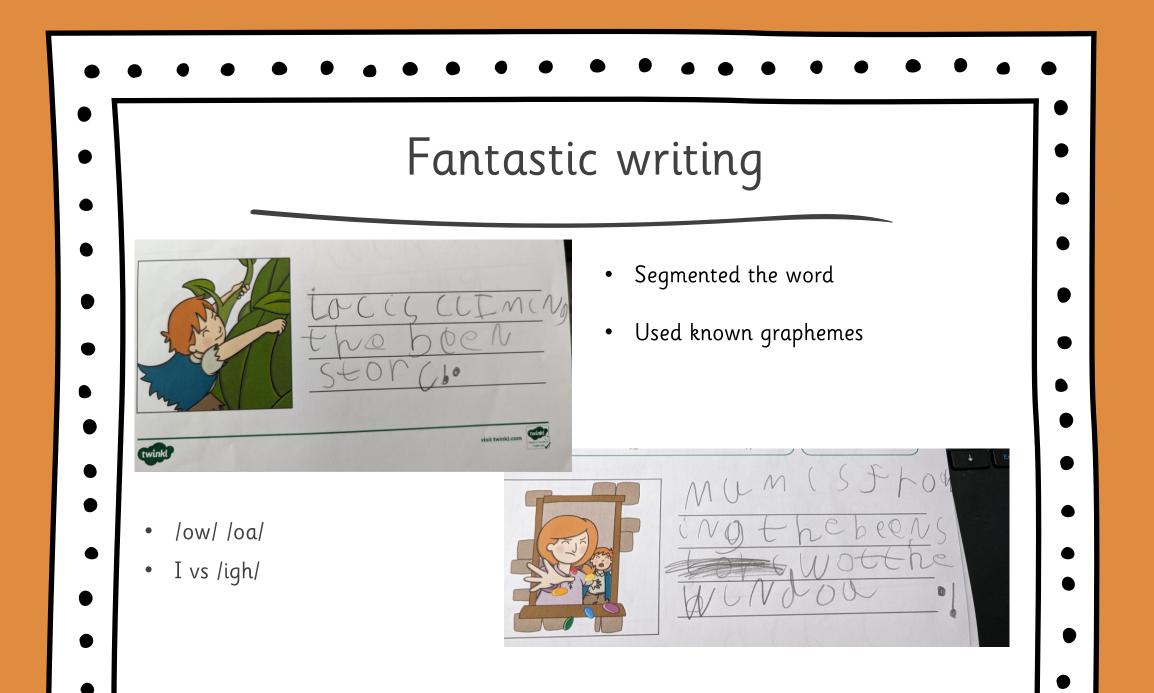
Take turns reading.

Read the book to your child if they are struggling to answer questions.

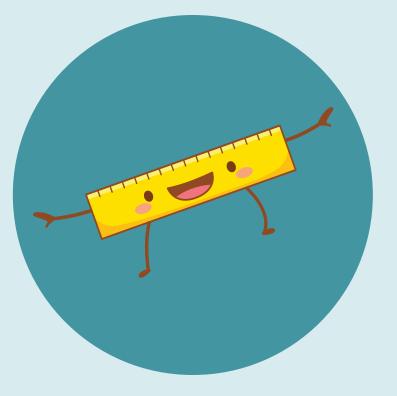
Write the words down and make into a game.

If you are struggling to engage your child at home, let us know.





# When is the Year 1 Phonics Screening Test?



- The Phonics Test is a compulsory test.
- Week commencing Monday 10th June 2024
- Please try to not to take holiday during this week or just before
- Mornings where possible
- 5-10 minutes per child

## How will this be conducted in school?



- Each child will take their test individually, on a one-to-one basis.
- We will do everything to make your child feel settled and enjoy the check.
- Please DO NOT tell your child that they are taking a test. We have always referred to it as a quiz, and they have taken several mock checks throughout the year.

Should you have any questions at all about this please do not hesitate to ask!