



## Letters and Sounds Phase 1 Parent Information

Children in Foundation 1 will take part in daily Letters and Sounds sessions focussing on Phase 1. This phase supports children by developing the skills and knowledge required to be ready for reading and writing. It works on developing speaking and listening skills which are the foundations of phonics and literacy.

Children will take part in a range of listening activities around environmental sounds, rhymes, songs and stories. They will develop their speech sounds and ability to distinguish different environmental, instrumental and speech sounds, as well as explore making different sounds with resources and their voice. They will learn to identify the initial sound in a word and spot when words have the same initial sound. They will learn how to blend and segment words orally and identify rhyming words to continue a string.

Phase One teaches children how to listen and share their thinking through speaking. This is done through lots of modelling, as well as providing children with lots of opportunities to do this. Children will be taught lots of new words to increase their vocabulary and build their sentence structures.

Books and stories are also a vital element of phase 1 development.

By the end of Phase One, children will have experienced a wealth of listening activities, including songs, stories and rhymes. They will be able to distinguish between speech sounds and may be able to orally blend and segment.