

Children learn best when they are having fun and through play. You may like to try one of the following activities with your child to support them with learning their phonemes and keywords.

- ❖ Play I spy - what can your child find that begins with a given sound?
- ❖ Point out letters/words on street signs or on signs in the shop
- ❖ Play 'Robot Talk' - you break a word down for your child to work out what the word is - e.g. c-oa-t = coat d-o-g = dog
- ❖ Write letters or words on paper and stick them around the house then go on a letter/word hunt - what sounds can your child recognise? Can they read the words?
- ❖ Practise writing phonemes in different ways - with pencils, chalks, crayons, pens, paint, water and a paintbrush outside, in the bath bubbles, with a stick in the mud, in sand
- ❖ Play Bingo - on a grid with four or six squares write a phoneme or word in each box and then have those and more. Pull one out of a bag. Can your child find it on their bingo grid?
- ❖ Write a shopping list and get your child to read it with you as you look round the shops and tick off each item or get your child to write the list before you leave home. Can they hear the sounds in the words they need to write?
- ❖ Play Musical Phonemes or keywords - play music, when it stops, show your child a letter or word. Can they tell you the sound or read the word?
- ❖ Cut up some phonemes or words and stick them in a hat or bag - pull one out. Can your child recognise the sound or read the word?
- ❖ Get your child to write the phonemes or keywords twice, then cut them up so you can play a game of pairs or snap. Make sure they say the sound each time or read the word.
- ❖ Put six words or phonemes on the floor. Say a word or a sound and get your child to splat it or jump on it.
- ❖ Play music and when the music stops, get your child to write a word or phoneme that you say.
- ❖ Show your child three pictures or items and segment them. Get your child to close their eyes and hide one. When they open their eyes, get them to write down which one is now missing.
- ❖ Get your child to write their keywords on pieces of paper. Then get them to close their eyes whilst you hide the words around your house or garden. Can your child find the words and say what they have found?
- ❖ Play a game of teachers and get your child to teach you and tell you how to spell a word or demonstrate how to read it.