



# FOUNDATION STAGE CURRICULUM MEETING

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SEPTEMBER 2024





# AIMS OF THIS MEETING

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1. To understand the school's key curriculum drivers
2. To gain an overview of the curriculum and expectations.
3. To have a greater understanding of class routines.
4. To look at ways to support your child's learning.

# OUR VISION

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Our school is child-centered, inclusive, and distinctive. We deliver excellence in education and build aspiration for all.

Together we:

- Work together as a community to provide a happy and safe learning environment where everyone is shown respect.
- Value the Mental Health and Well Being of all
- Create an inclusive culture, with an ambition of success for all.
- Provide a stimulating knowledge-based curriculum, enabling children to meet the challenges of an ever-changing, diverse world and Make a Difference.



# OUR VALUES

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- RESILIENCE
- RESPECT
- TEAMWORK
- KINDNESS
- ASPIRATION

# THE CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING

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These are the behaviours children use in order to learn.

## Characteristics of Effective Learning

### Playing and Exploring

#### ENGAGEMENT

- Finding out and exploring
- Playing with what they know
- Being willing to 'have a go'

### Active Learning

#### MOTIVATION

- Being involved and concentrating
- Keep trying
- Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

### Creative and Critical Thinking

#### THINKING

- Having their own ideas
- Making links
- Working with ideas

# Seven areas of learning and development in the EYFS

*The **three prime areas** are crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.*



Communication and Language



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Physical Development

*The three prime areas are strengthened and applied through the **four specific areas**.*



Literacy



Mathematics



Understanding the World



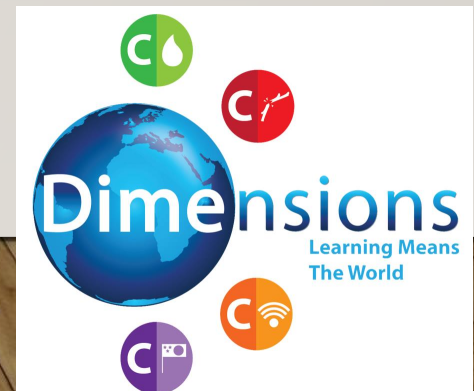
Expressive Arts and Design

# DIMENSIONS: LEARNING MEANS THE WORLD

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- Learning Means the World is a holistic, broad and balanced curriculum designed to teach the UK National Curriculum with a global and outfacing approach.
- The learning activities develop and promote a balance of research, recording (oral and written), collaboration, innovation, problem solving and personal development skills.
- Pupils are encouraged to be aspirational, independent and creative thinkers through meaningful and stimulating lessons.
- The curriculum is designed to develop character through 21st-century skills, as well as nurturing academic ability.

Launch for parents will be in November – Date TBC on the Newsletter



# COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

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- Learning new vocabulary
- Asking and answering questions
- Singing songs and rhymes
- Speaking in sentences
- Joining ideas together
- Listening and talking about stories
- Connecting ideas together and adding detail

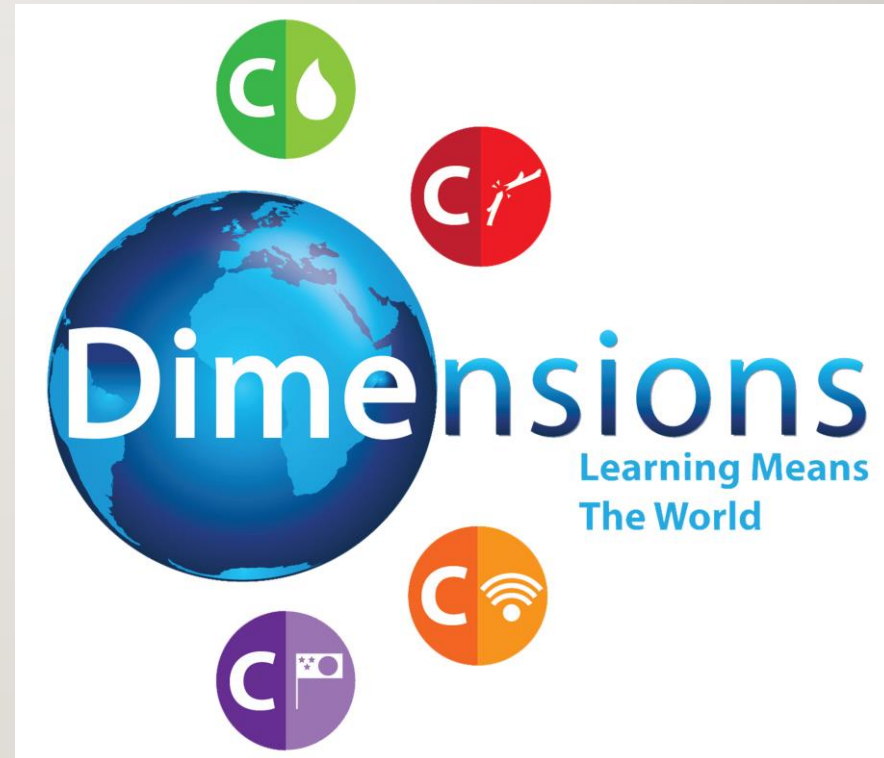




# PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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- Resolving conflicts in play
- Understanding rules and following them
- Managing emotions
- Building Relationships
- Resilience and perseverance
- Manage their own needs
- Think about the perspective of others.



# PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

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- Indoor and Outdoor Play
- FS2 – Weekly PE lesson
- Getting dressed and undressed
- Fine Motor Control

Finger Gym/Dough Disco/Mark Making/Variety of tools

- Gross Motor Control

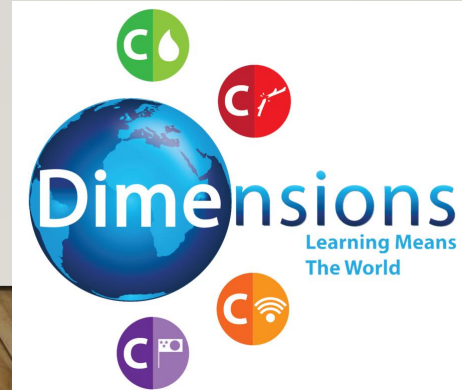
Climbing Equipment/Bikes/Tricycles and Scooters/  
Play Equipment/Balance Beams



# UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

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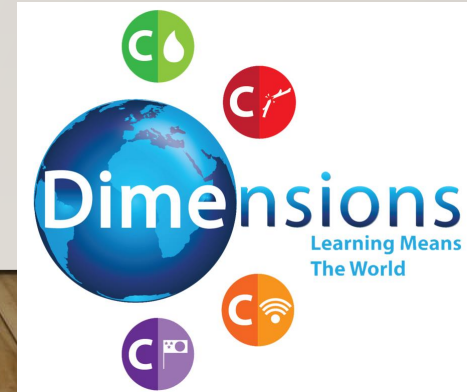
- Past and Present – Learning about objects from the past, people from the past and significant events in history.
- People, Culture and Communities - Family, occupations, religions and beliefs, places,
- The Natural World - Plants and Animals, Materials, Natural Processes, environments, seasonal change.



# EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

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- Creating with materials – painting, drawing, collage, clay, chalks, pastels, box modelling, using tools, creating shapes etc.
- Being Imaginative and Expressive – pretend play, role play, music, singing, dancing, playing instruments, performing.



# MATHEMATICS

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- Maths Area – Loose parts to manipulate.
- In Provision – Sand/Water/Outside
- Daily Maths Teaching – Number, Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking.
- Construction Equipment
- Daily Maths Meeting – Weather/Days of the week/Months of the year



# THE COUNTING PRINCIPLES

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## 1 The one-to-one principle.

This involves children assigning one number name to each object that is being counted. Children need to ensure that they count each object only once, ensuring they have counted every object.

## **2 The stable-order principle.**

Children understand that, when counting, the numbers have to be said in a certain order.

## **3 The cardinal principle.**

Children understand that the number name assigned to the final object in a group is the total number of objects in that group.

#### **4 The abstraction principle.**

This involves children understanding that anything can be counted, including things that cannot be touched, such as sounds and movements e.g. jumps.

#### **5 The order-irrelevance principle.**

This involves children understanding that the order in which we count a group of objects is irrelevant. There will still be the same number.



# HELPING AT HOME WITH MATHS

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- Activities to try at home - handouts
- Number Songs
- Number Hunts:  
Inside and Outside
- Counting!
- Mathematical Language
- Make it fun!
- Praise the little things
- Share achievements with School on Tapestry

# LITERACY

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- Daily Phonics Teaching
- Letter formation
- Sentence Construction through a variety of genres
- Daily Storytime
- Individual Reading/Paired Reading/Guided Reading



# Phonics

# LITTLE WANDLE LETTERS AND SOUNDS REVISED

Our school has chosen *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* as our Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) programme to teach early reading and spelling.



## **PHONICS IS:**



**making connections between the sounds of our spoken words and the letters that are used to write them down.**



# TERMINOLOGY

**Phoneme**

**Grapheme**

**Digraph**

**Trigraph**

**Blend**

**Segment**

# THIS TERM WE ARE TEACHING PHASE 2

- These are the first group of letters and sounds your child will learn.
- We start teaching from week 2 of Reception.
- The lessons are fun, interactive, engaging and have been designed to gradually build over time.



# WE TEACH PHASE 2 IN THIS ORDER

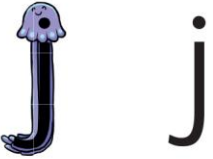








## Phase 2 grapheme information sheet

## Autumn 1

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
 s	 snake	Show your teeth and and let the s hiss out ssssss ssssss	Under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.
 a	 astronaut	Open your mouth wide and make the 'a' sound at the back of your mouth a a a	Around the astronaut's helmet, and down into space.
 t	 tiger	Open your lips; put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press t t t	From the tiger's nose to its tail, then follow the stripe across the tiger.
 p	 penguin	Bring your lips together and push them open and say p p p	Down the penguin's back, up and round its head.
 i	 iguana	pull your lips back and make the 'i' sound at the back of your mouth i i i	Down the iguana's body, then draw a dot (on the leaf) at the top.
 n		Open your lips a bit, put your tongue behind your teeth and make the nnnnn sound nnnnn	Down the stick, up and over the net.

## Phase 2 grapheme information sheet

## Autumn 2

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
 j	 jellyfish	Pucker your lips and show your teeth use your tongue as you say j j j	All the way down the jellyfish. Dot on its head.
 v	 volcano	Put your teeth against your bottom lip and make a buzzing vvvv vvvv	Down to the bottom of the volcano, and back up to the top.
 w	 wave	Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say w w w	From the top of the wave to the bottom, up the wave, down the wave, then up again.
 x	 box	Mouth open then push the cs/x sound through as you close your mouth cs cs cs (x x x)	Start at the top, then across to the bottom of the box. Start at the top, then across to the bottom of the box.
		Smile, tongue to the top of your mouth, say a without	Down and round the yo-yo, then follow the string round



# LET'S SAY THE PHASE 2 SOUNDS

 s ss	 t tt	 p pp	 n nn	 m mm	 d dd	 g gg	 c k ck cc	 r rr
 h	 b bb	 f ff	 l ll	 j	 v vv	 w	 x	 y
 z zz s	 qu	 ch	 sh	 th	 ng	 nk		
 a	 e	 i	 o	 u				



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 1



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 2

# WE TEACH BLENDING SO YOUR CHILD LEARNS TO READ

- Teacher-led blending is taught throughout Phase 2.
- Our aim to is to teach every child to blend by Christmas.
- We will inform you if your child needs additional practice.



# BLENDING TO READ WORDS



# TRICKY WORDS

- These words have unusual spellings e.g. he, the, was.
- They are taught in a systematic way.
- Children are now learning to read the Phase 2 tricky words: is, I, the, put, pull, full, as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me, be.



# READING TRICKY WORDS



# OUR PROGRESSION

## Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised 2021: Programme progression Reception and Year 1 overviews

This programme overview shows the progression of GPCs and tricky words that we teach term-by-term. The progression has been organised so that children are taught from the simple to more complex GPCs, as well as taking into account the frequency of their occurrence in the most commonly encountered words. All the graphemes taught are practised in words, sentences, and later on, in fully decodable books. Children review and revise GPCs and words, daily, weekly and across terms and years, in order to move this knowledge into their long term memory.

Children need to learn to read as quickly as reasonably possible, so they can move from learning to read, to reading to learn, giving them access to the treasure house of reading. Our expectations of progression are aspirational yet achievable if schools maintain pace, practice and participation by all children. Children who are not keeping-up with their peers should be given additional practice immediately through keep-up sessions.

### Reception

Autumn 1 Phase 2 graphemes	New tricky words
s a t p i n m d g o c k c k e u r h b f l	is I the

Autumn 2 Phase 2 graphemes	New tricky words
ff ll ss j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng nk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>words with -s /s/ added at the end (hats sits)</li> <li>words ending -s /z/ (his) and with -s /z/ added at the end (bags)</li> </ul>	put* pull* full* as and has his her go no to into she push* he of we me be

\*The tricky words 'put', 'pull', 'full' and 'push' may not be tricky in some regional pronunciations; in which case, they should not be treated as such.

Spring 1 Phase 3 graphemes	New tricky words
ai ee igh oa oo oo ar or ur ow oi ear air er <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>words with double letters</li> <li>longer words</li> </ul>	was you they my by all are sure pure

Spring 2 Phase 3 graphemes	No new tricky words
Review Phase 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>longer words, including those with double letters</li> <li>words with -s /z/ in the middle</li> <li>words with -es /z/ at the end</li> <li>words with -s /s/ and /z/ at the end</li> </ul>	Review all taught so far

Summer 1 Phase 4	New tricky words
Short vowels with adjacent consonants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CVCC CCVC CCVCC CCCVC CCCVCC</li> <li>longer words and compound words</li> </ul>	said so have like some come love do were here little says there when what one out today

### Year 1

Autumn 1	Review tricky words Phases 2–4
Review Phase 3 and 4 <b>Phase 5</b> /ai/ ay play /ow/ ou cloud /oi/ oy toy /ea/ ea each	Phases 2–4: the put* pull* full* push* to into I no go of he she we me be was you they all are my by sure pure said have like so do some come love were there little one when out what says here today

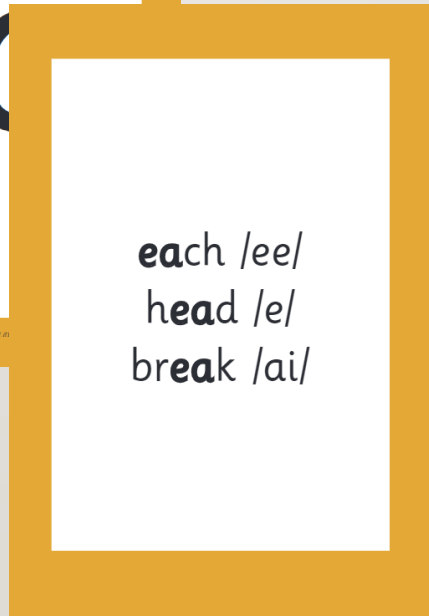
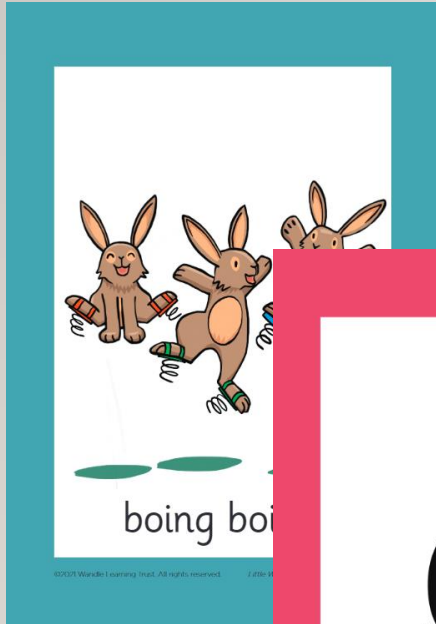
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Autumn 2 Phase 5 graphemes	New tricky words
/url/ ir bird /igh/ ie pie /ool/ yool ue blue rescue /yool/ u unicorn /oa/ o go /igh/ i tiger /ai/ a paper /eel/ e he /ai/ a-e shake /igh/ i-e time /oa/ o-e home /ool/ yool u-e rude cute /eel/ e-e these /ool/ yool ew chew new /eel/ ie shield /orl/ aw claw	their people oh your Mr Mrs Ms ask* could would should our house mouse water want

\*The tricky word 'ask' may not be tricky in some regional pronunciations; in which case, it should not be treated as such.

Spring 1 Phase 5 graphemes	New tricky words
/eel/ y funny /e/ ea head /w/ wh wheel /oa/ oe ou toe shoulder /igh/ y fly /oa/ ow snow	any many again who whole where two school call different thought through friend work

# HOW WE MAKE LEARNING STICK











# Reading and spelling



# SPELLING

- Your child will be taught how to spell simple words, using the graphemes they have been taught.
- They will practise the correct formation of letters. They will also have handwriting lessons.

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# HOW DO WE TEACH SPELLING?

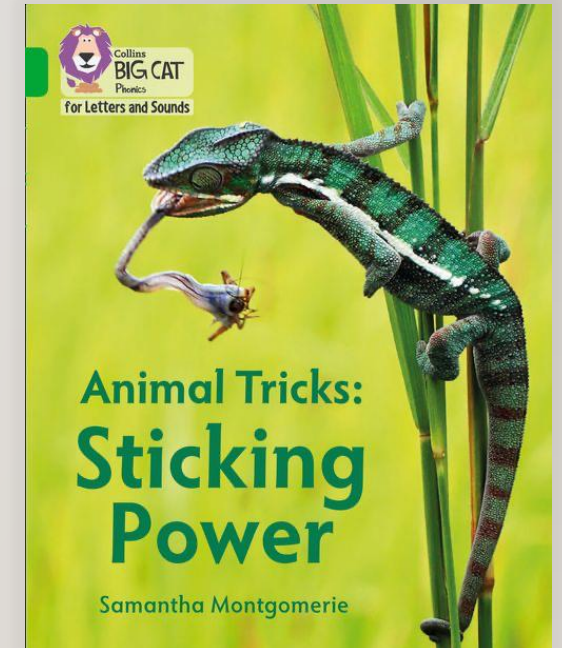
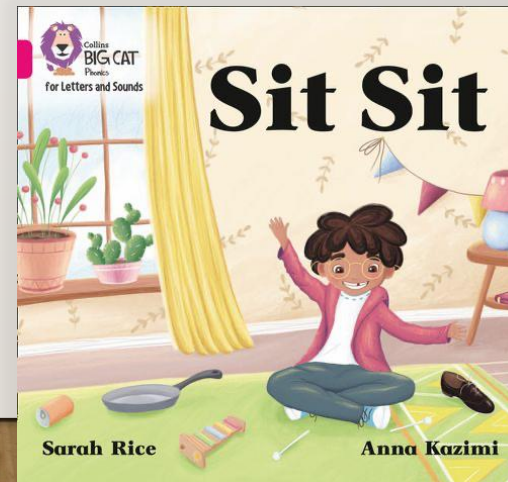
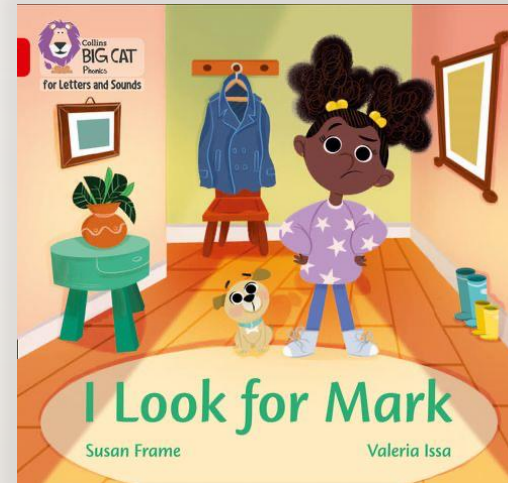
- Say the word.
- Segment the sounds.
- Count the sounds.
- Write them down.



# HOW DO WE PRACTISE READING IN BOOKS?

Reading practice sessions are:

- timetabled three times a week
- taught by a trained teacher/teaching assistant
- taught in small groups



# HOW DO WE FIND THE RIGHT BOOK FOR YOUR CHILD?

## Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised Reception Child assessment

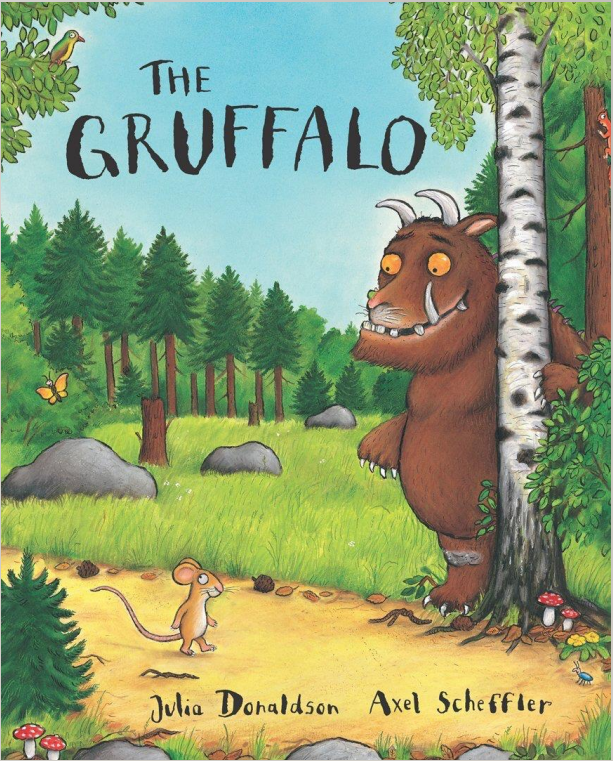
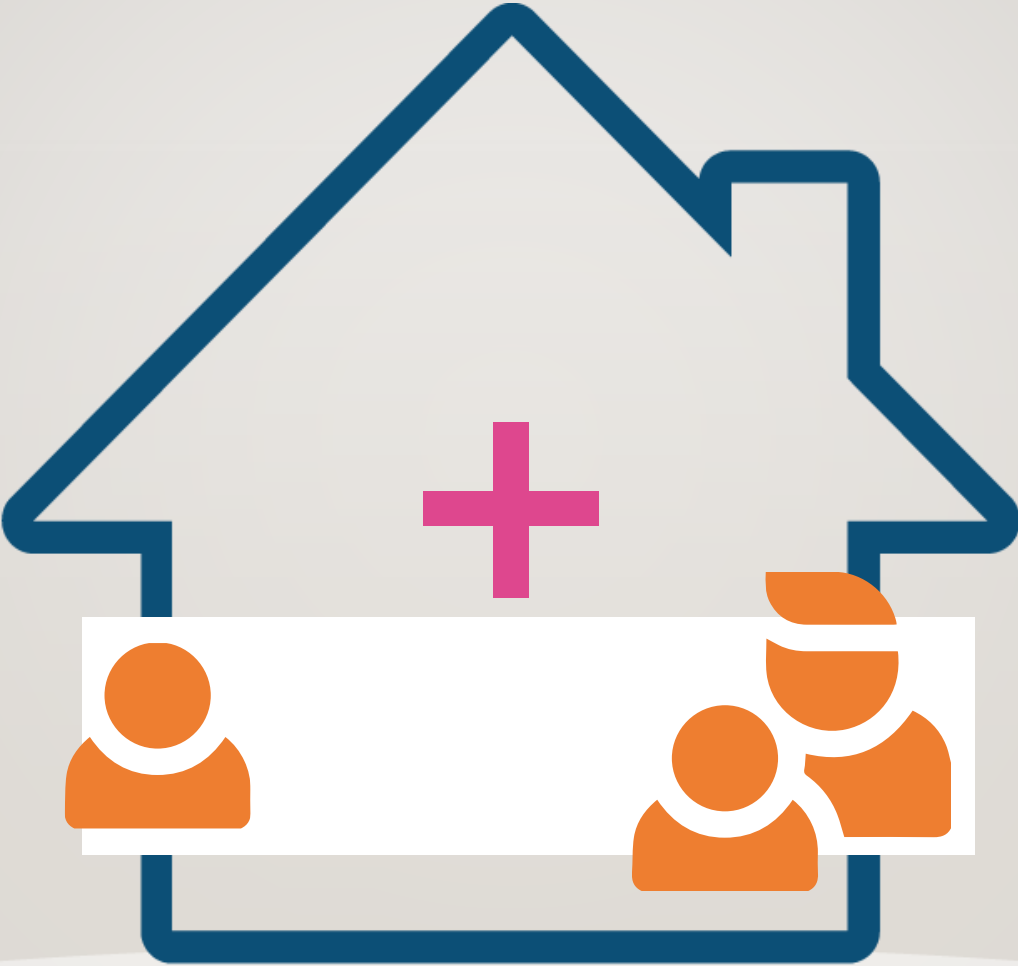
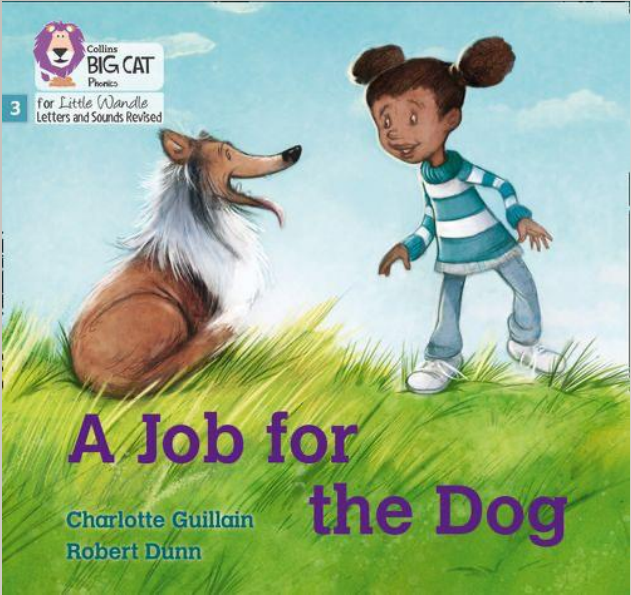
### Autumn 1

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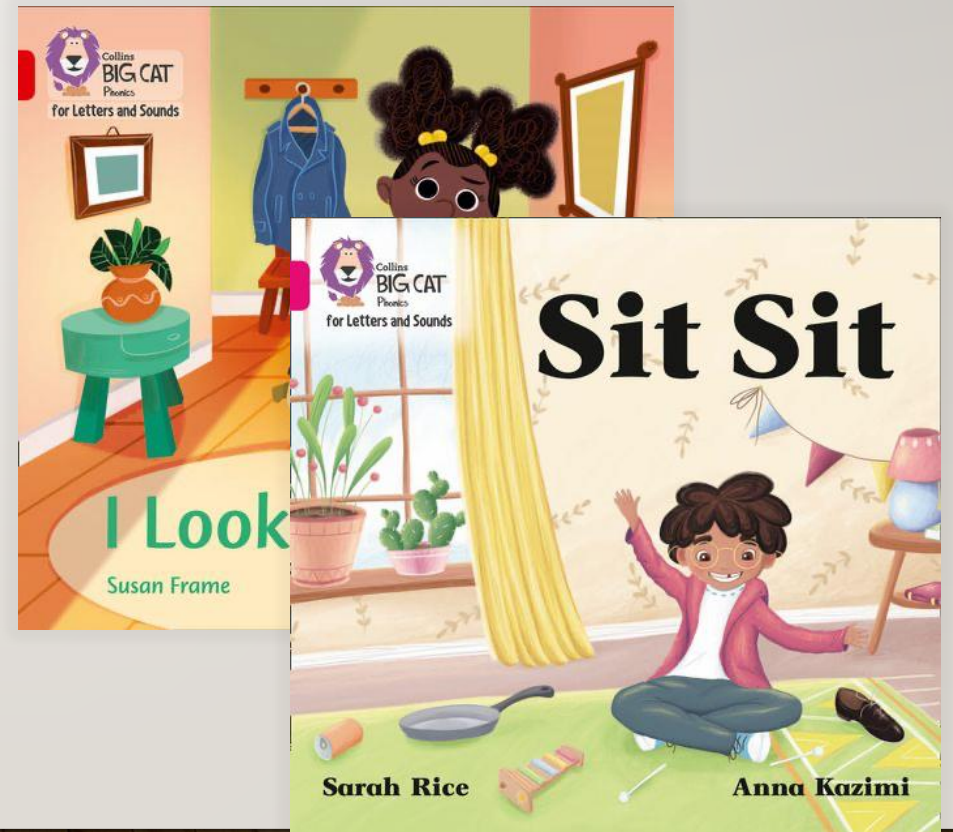


# BOOKS GOING HOME



# LISTENING TO YOUR CHILD READ THEIR PHONICS BOOK

- Your child should be able to read their book without your help.
- They might sound out words and blend them before they read them fluently.
- If they can't read a word, read it to them.
- Talk about the book and celebrate their success.



# READING A WORDLESS BOOKS

Wordless books are invaluable as they teach reading behaviours and early reading skills to children who are not blending – yet!

- Talk about the pictures.
- Point to the images in the circles and find them on the page.
- Encourage your child to make links from the book to their experiences.



# READ TO YOUR CHILD

The shared book is for **YOU** to read:

- Make the story sound as exciting as you can by changing your voice.
- Talk with your child as much as you can:
  - Introduce new and exciting language.
  - Encourage your child to use new vocabulary.
  - Make up sentences together.
  - Find different words to use.
  - Describe things you see.





# SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH PHONICS

[Support for Parents - Little Wandle Website](#)



**Phase 2 sounds taught in  
Reception Autumn 1**



**Phase 2 sounds taught in  
Reception Autumn 2**

# THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO IS READ WITH YOUR CHILD

Reading a book and chatting had a positive impact a year later on children's ability to...

- understand words and sentences
- use a wide range of vocabulary
- develop listening comprehension skills.

The amount of books children were exposed to by age 6 was a positive predictor of their reading ability two years later.



# ONLINE HOME LEARNING

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## COLLINS E BOOKS

- <https://ops.collinsopenpage.com/sso/login?service=https%3A//ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/wr/index.html&eulogin=true>



## SPELLING SHED

- <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/menu>



# END OF YEAR EXPECTATIONS - THE EARLY LEARNING GOALS

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In June of FS2 we complete the EYFS profile where we assess all the children against objectives linking to the 7 areas of learning.

This is recorded on your child's school report.

# THANK YOU FOR COMING

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- Questions - If you have any questions please feel free to talk to a member of the FS Team or drop us a message on tapestry.