

Phonics Information Evening



Steps to read an unknown word:

- digraph/ trigraph snail
- 'sound talk' s n ai l
- read the word

Terminology

Phoneme - The smallest unit of sound that can be identified in words. We sometimes simply call this a 'sound', although it is helpful for children to use the term 'phoneme' from the beginning of our programme.

Grapheme - The smallest unit of sound that can be identified in words. We sometimes simply call this a 'sound', although it is helpful for children to use the term 'phoneme' from the beginning of our programme.

Digraph - A grapheme using two letters to represent one phoneme. With children, we frequently reinforce it with the mantra 'two letters, one sound'.

Trigraph - A grapheme using three letters to represent one phoneme.

Split vowel digraph - A digraph representing a vowel sound where its two letters are split by an intervening consonant (for example, 'a_e' in 'take').

Blend - To combine individual phonemes into a whole word, working all the way through from left to right.

Chunk it up - To break up a longer word and read it one part (chunk) at a time, to avoid being overwhelmed and to ease the process of blending.

Segment - To identify each of the individual phonemes in a word, working all the way through from left to right for spelling.

There is lots of information and resources that you can use here!

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>