

Super Sound Strategies



Writing 't' in the sand.



Practising sounds on the whiteboard.



Searching for sounds in reading books.



Using ICT to help learn sounds.



Making the letters 's' using beads.

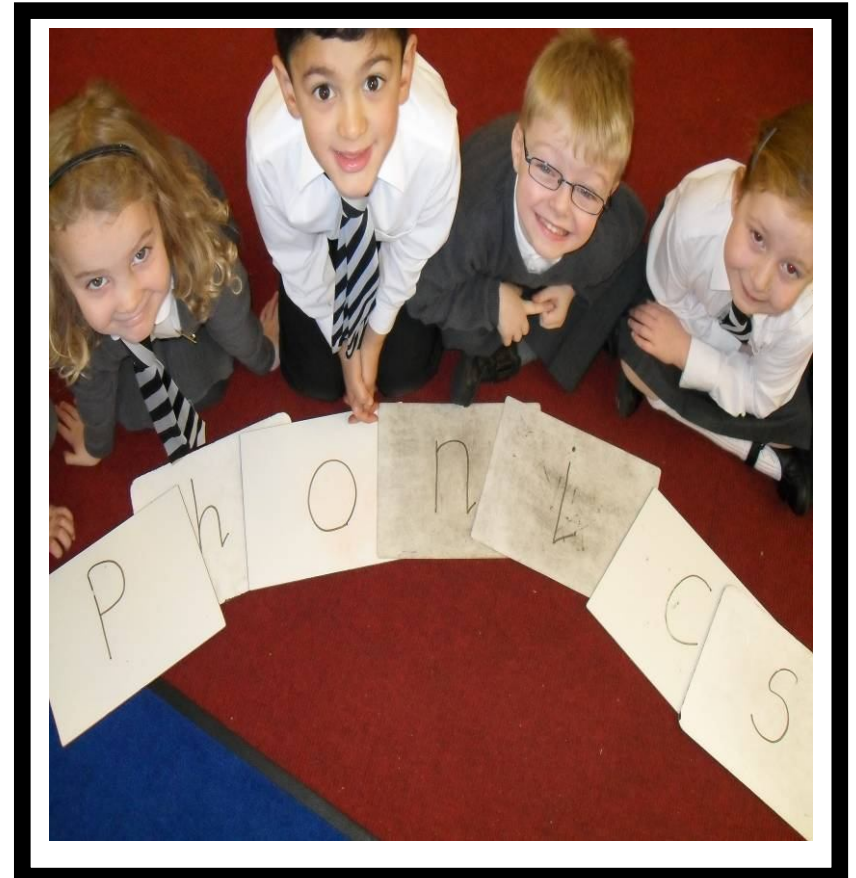


Making the letter 's' using plasticine.

Busby Primary School

Phonics is Fun In Primary 1

Support for Parents
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Teaching of Phonics in Busby Primary School

At the start of P1 children are taught the 42 main sounds – not just the 26 letters of the alphabet. This can take a few terms to become secure. Following the first stage, the children are then taken through the stages of blending sounds to form words which subsequently lead to the start of reading. This can take place at any time from term 2 onwards. The following are the 5 basic elements to be covered:-

Linking reading to writing

1. Learning the letter sounds.
2. Learning the letter formation.
3. Blending – for reading.
4. Identifying the sounds in words – for writing.
5. Awareness of tricky words – irregular words.

In Primary 1, three sounds are taught each week but phonics teaching happens every day. The most important thing is that children are confident with the sounds and able to manipulate them.

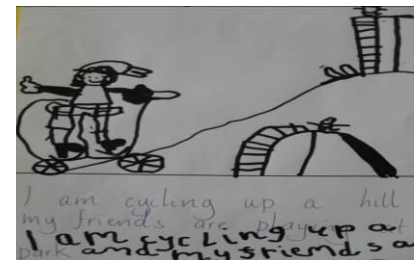
Tips for parents to try at home

- √ **Fast Word/ Sound**
- children write word or sound. Use timer – how many can you write?
- √ **Point to tricky words**
children write tricky words.
- √ **Secret Sound**
write down sound your child can hear at beginning/ end/ middle of word.
- √ **Hunt the letter sound**
Hunt for the letter /sounds in books, newspapers or magazines.
- √ **Silly Sentences**
Words in tubs and children make up silly sentences.



Learning the letter formation.

Learning to blend for reading.



The children are beginning to use their phonics and write their own stories!