

Phonics Support for Parents/Carers

Upper case letters Capital letters, used at the start of sentences, names (people, places) days, months and seasons.	Lower case letters Shorter and smaller versions of upper case letters.	Vowels a e i o u	Consonants b c d f g h j k l m n p q r s t v w x y z
Phonemes distinct units of sound	Graphemes Letters used to represent the phoneme	Digraph A sound made up of two letters sh er	Trigraph A sound made up of three letters igh air
GPC – Grapheme Phoneme Correspondence			
Blending <i>Say it fast</i> Building words for reading by pushing together all the phonemes in the word. c – a – t = cat	Segmenting <i>Break it down</i> Splitting up words for spelling by breaking up words into all their phonemes and then working out what graphemes are need to represent each phoneme dog = d – o – g	Vowel digraph A two-letter vowel sound ai ee oa	Pseudo words Words that can be decoded but are not real words zeep
Syllable A unit of pronunciation within a word. cake = 1 syllable wa ter = 2 syllables lem on ade = 3 syllables	Red words Common exception words that cannot be sounded out. was said	High Frequency words Words that appear very often, and	CVC word Word made of a consonant, vowel, consonant pig