

Nursery Phonics

Children in Nursery follow Letters and Sounds Phase 1 when they first come to our school. The focus is on listening skills, including listening for and distinguishing sounds in the environment. Initial letter sounds are introduced. Staff use 'Fred Talk' daily with the children with the expectation that the children will begin to encode the words

In Nursery, all 7 aspects of Phase 1 Phonics is taught throughout the year. Read Write Inc. Set 1 sounds are taught in the Summer term for children moving into Reception the following September. However, Aspects 1-7 will be constantly revisited throughout the year.

In Phase 1 phonics, children are taught about:

- Environmental sounds
- Instrumental sounds
- Body percussion (e.g. clapping and stamping)
- Rhythm and rhyme
- Alliteration
- Voice sounds
- Oral blending and segmenting

Typical activities for teaching Phase 1 phonics include 'listening walks', playing and identifying instruments, action songs, learning rhymes and playing games like 'I Spy'.

This phase is intended to develop children's listening, vocabulary and speaking skills.

FS1 Yearly Teaching Timetable

	Nursery Cohort A	Nursery Cohort B
Autumn 1	Aspect 1 - Environmental Sounds Aspect 2 - Instrumental Sounds	
Autumn 2	Aspect 3 - Body Percussion Aspect 4 - Rhythm and Rhyme	
Spring 1	Aspect 5 - Alliteration	Aspect 1 - Environmental Sounds
Spring 2	Aspect 6 - Voice Sounds	Aspect 2 - Instrumental Sounds
Summer 1	Aspect 7 - Oral Blending and Segmenting	Aspect 3 - Body Percussion
Summer 2	RWI Set 1 sounds	Aspect 4 - Rhythm and Rhyme

Assessment

Aspect 1 Phonics assessment statements are based on the 'Look, Listen and Note' section in Letters and Sounds, Launchpad to Literacy Statements and Development Matters.

When children have achieved a statement and are confident with it, they will have the date written next to it saying when it was achieved. If they achieve it the first time it is assessed, then the statement will be highlighted. Some children may not achieve this the first time and this will be revisited by a member of Nursery staff for additional phonics at an appropriate time.