

## Phonics and Early Reading

Welcome to the Phonics and Early Reading page.

Children in nursery, reception and year 1 will be taught a specific phonic session appropriate to their year group, we call these **PHASES**. In reception and year 1, children will also come across difficult words which we call **TRICKY WORDS**.

Nursery	Reception			Year 1
	Autumn	Spring	Summer	
Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
Children learn tricky words				

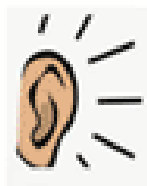
Children will be taught many different terms to describe sounds and how they look. We call these phonemes and graphemes.

The graphemes (letters) are accompanied by images to help the children recall them. These **GRAPHEME MATS** show the images that the children use in school to support with reading and writing. All children experiment with mark making which eventually leads to **LETTER FORMATION**.

### What is a phoneme?

A **phoneme** is the  
smallest unit of sound  
in a word.

Example:  
/k/



### What is a grapheme?

A **grapheme** is the  
way we write a  
phoneme.

Example:  
/k/ can be written 5 ways  
c k ck qu ch

