



Reading and Phonics in Downsell Nursery

Communication and language is the most important element of reading and phonics.

For children to make a good start in reading and writing, they need to have an adult listen to them and talk to them.



Everyday activities such as preparing meals, tidying up, putting shopping away and getting ready to go out gives you the chance to talk to your child, explaining what you are doing. Through these activities, children hear the way language is put together into sentences.



Books are a wonderful source of new words for children – words you would not use in everyday conversations often come up in books. Read aloud and share books as often as you can. They will enjoy it and it will be useful to them when they come across these new words in their own reading.

Home school reading/sharing books supports this learning, every child needs a book bag.



Home Learning Challenges always include a speaking and listening aspect.

Enjoy the weekly Songs and Rhymes going home, it's a fun way to explore and use language.

HOME SCHOOL BOOKS

Amazing story books go home every week in your child's book bag. Now the children can take an extra book home for a longer time. These smaller ORT books include 'spot it' and 'join in the sounds' prompts!

Letters and Sounds Phase 1

Phase 1 supports children's listening and speaking skills through fun, active and practical activities such as silly songs, listening walks, hearing and identifying same sounds eg car beep, snake s,s,s,

Hearing words in spoken sentences. Saying and understanding key words.

Clapping games and clapping syllables eg names: Ma/ri/a

Read Write Inc (RWI)

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/parent-information-understanding-phonics/>

Hello FRED FROG!

Oral blending – blending sounds to read (Fred Talk)



Blending involves pulling together individual sounds or syllables within words.

Eg: c-a-t = cat

Oral segmenting – segmenting sounds to spell (Fred Fingers)



Segmenting involves breaking words down into individual sounds or syllables.

Eg cat = c/a/t

Playing and exploring sounds, words and language are ongoing and lots of fun!

Linking Sounds and Letters

Teaching letter sounds with the letter. Pictures help the children remember the letter.

The pictures also support correct formation of the letter eg Maisie, mountain, mountain.

Large or sky writing, tracing with sticks, in sand teaches direction and formation.

Pronunciation of Sounds

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWQ6MeccRCU>

Letter sound sheets for home

Say the sound, say the picture word with emphasis on first sound eg mmmm mouse

Have a go at writing the letter – enjoy making the sound and mark making.

Lets have FUN!