

## **Letters and Sounds Parents Information Leaflet**

Letters and Sounds is a six-phase programme designed to help teach children to read and spell with phonics.

### **Phase One Phonics**

Phase One - The aim of this phase is to foster children's speaking and listening skills as preparation for learning to read with phonics. Nursery activities concentrate on developing children's speaking and listening skills, awareness of phonemes and blending and segmenting skills.

Parents can play a vital role in helping their children develop these skills, by encouraging their children to listen carefully and talk extensively about what they hear, see and do.

Phase One is made up of seven aspects. These will be explored in the following order over many weeks to ensure that the aspects are embedded.

- Environmental sounds
- Instrumental sounds
- Body percussion
- Rhythm and rhyme
- Alliteration
- Voice sounds
- Oral blending and segmenting

Children learn:

- To be aware of rhyme and alliteration
- To distinguish between different sounds in the environment and phonemes
- To explore and experiment with sounds and words
- To orally blend and segment phonemes

For more information and support please see these websites:

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-1.html> - games and resources

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