

# Phonics at John Perry

## What is Phonics?

Children at John Perry begin to learn phonics (sounds) in Early Years both Nursery and Reception. Once children begin learning sounds, these sounds are used orally to identify and make words. They will then begin to learn the letters which make each of the sounds and these are used to read and spell.

For this reason, the first initial sounds that are taught are 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'i', 'n'. These can immediately be blended for reading simple CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant) e.g. 'sat' 'pin'. Children then develop segmenting for writing; breaking the word into sounds to spell it out.



## What can I do to help my child?

The following are a variety of free online resources that will help both you and your child to understand and apply the 44 possible phonemes used in the screening and reading in general.

There is a pronunciation guide along with possible 'Alien/Pseudo' words which will help to put the sounds into context.

### Oxford Reading Owl:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/>

### Phonics Play:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/InteractiveResources.htm>

### YouTube – phoneme pronunciation:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=18&v=UCI2mu7URBc&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=18&v=UCI2mu7URBc&feature=emb_logo)

## Useful Vocab:

**Phoneme** – the single sound made by a letter or a group of letters i.e. s or igh

**Blending** – when the phonemes are said in order together to make a word i.e. c-a-t becomes cat.

**Segmenting** – when a word is broken down into its individual phonemes i.e. shop becomes sh-o-p.

**Diagraph** – two letters that when written together make one sound i.e c and h when written together make a ch sound as in church.

**Trigraph** – As above only using three letters for i.e. igh as in l-igh-t, light.

**Sound Buttons** – these are a series of dots, lines or 'hooks' that can be used under words in order to help segment it into its basic phonemes i.e.

f i sh or shape

**Split diagraph** – these are phonemes which although split are still pronounced as one sound for example i-e, a-e, e-e, o-e and u-e as in hike, cake, centipede, home and huge.

**'Alien' word** – this is what a pseudo word is sometimes referred to as. In the screening check the made up word is accompanied with a picture of an alien.

## Phonemes

