



PHONICS

What is 'phonics'?

Synthetic phonics is a way of teaching reading. Your child will be taught two important things when they are learning to read using 'synthetic phonics'. This means how sounds are represented by written letters, for example they will be taught that the letter 'm' represents an 'mmm' sound and how sounds can be blended together to make words, for example they will be taught that the sounds of the letters 'c-a-t' blend together to make the word 'cat'.

Your child will be taught to read letters or groups of letters by saying the sound (or sounds) they make, for example they will be taught that the letter 'l' sounds like 'lllll' when we say it. Your child will then start reading by blending the sounds together to make words. Another word for this kind of blending is 'synthesising', which is where the term 'synthetic phonics' comes from.

Click the link below for sounds

Listen here to the examples of the sounds for different letters to support phonics learning at home.

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