



# Phonics Voice Sounds

## Why phonics?

Phonics is a way of teaching children how to read and write. It helps children hear, identify and use different sounds that distinguish one word from another in the English language.



## Games you can play together.

Guessing game:

Take it in turns to make and guess animal sounds. Can you 'meow' like a cat, 'hoot' like an owl or 'hiss' like a snake?

Sound effects:

Use your voice to create sound effects. Can you make a sound like a ticking clock or a doorbell. Listen to sounds you hear around the home and outside – Can you make a sound just like them? Did you hear a Hoover, kettle or tap running.

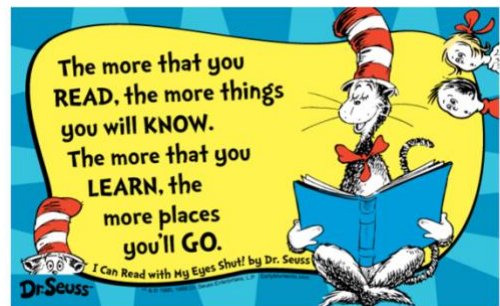
## How to help:

### Talk, talk, talk!

As a parent, you are the model of good speaking and listening. Regularly introducing new words (vocabulary). For example, for the word *big* you could also introduce *large*, *huge* or *enormous*.

Encourage them to say the word too. This is not about reading the words but about your child hearing and say them.

### Read to and with your child.



This models good reading skills and promotes a reading for pleasure. Have a special book box or bag where your child can keep the stories and any other texts, such as comics or non-fiction books, you've read together recently. Re-read these so that over time your child builds up their stock of stories and texts that they know well.

## Sing!

Teach nursery rhymes and songs and provide lots of opportunities to sing and recite them. Nursery rhymes are extremely valuable to support language and communication skills and help prepare children for reading and writing as they get older.



## Songs to sing together

### Hickory dickory dock

Hickory dickory dock. The mouse  
went up the clock  
The clock struck one. The mouse  
went down  
Hickory dickory dock  
Tick tock, tick tock, tick tock, tick  
tock.

### Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa baa black sheep, have you  
any wool?  
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full!  
One for the master, one for the  
dame,  
And one for the little boy who  
lives down the lane.

## Useful links

<https://youtu.be/g8u84XGhRgo>

Above is a link to a sound game and craft session.

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

Phonics play website. Under phase 1 there are some fun games that you can play.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/songs-and-rhymes/?page=3>

This website has lots of nursery rhymes that you can learn with your child.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/parent-support/books-with-songs/>

This website has links to books that contain nursery rhymes. This may be a fun way to learn some traditional nursery rhymes

At Skylarks, we follow *Song of Sounds*, which is also used at our feeder school Shelley Primary School.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Cg-CRabqyE>

Here is a link to song of sounds stage 1 for you to try at home.