

Letters and Sounds Group

Letters and sounds is usually taught at the beginning of every literacy lesson in Key stage one. However some children have not met the entrance criteria to move on to the next stage and so require small group support for an extended period of time to help them make expected progress. Letters and sounds is a six phase teaching programme:

Phase one concentrates on activities to promote speaking and listening skills, phonological awareness, oral blending and segmenting.

Phase two focuses on teaching 19 letter sounds, reading and writing CV and CVC words and reading simple captions.

Phase three concentrates on learning another 25 letter sounds. Children continue to practise writing and reading CVC and tricky words.

Phase four focuses on consolidating the children's knowledge of letters sounds and teaches some more tricky words.

Phase five teaches long vowel sounds and alternative pronunciations for graphemes. Children will also work on reading and writing high frequency words. They will also use their knowledge of letters and sounds to write sentences.

Phase six ensures that children become fluent readers and increasing accurate spellers.