

Reading at home with your child



The Power of Reading!

- ▶ Creating a love of reading in children is potentially one of the most powerful ways of improving academic standards in school.
- ▶ Reading to your child improves their vocabulary and children who are read to do better in school than those who are not read to.



Your reading memories

- ▶ Do you have a good childhood memory about books and reading?
- ▶ Do you remember reading books or having someone read to you?
- ▶ Consider- what do you want for your child?



Reading

- ▶ Success in reading is fundamental to success in school.
- ▶ Reading is all about acquiring meaning; for enjoyment, information and understanding.
- ▶ It is not a performance.
- ▶ It is not a test.



Reading requires two skills

Phonics and Word Recognition

Knowing common words

Blending letter sounds



Understanding

Understanding the meaning of the words and sentences in a text.

Understanding the ideas, information and themes in a text.

If a child understands what they hear, they will understand the same information when they read.

What are phonics?

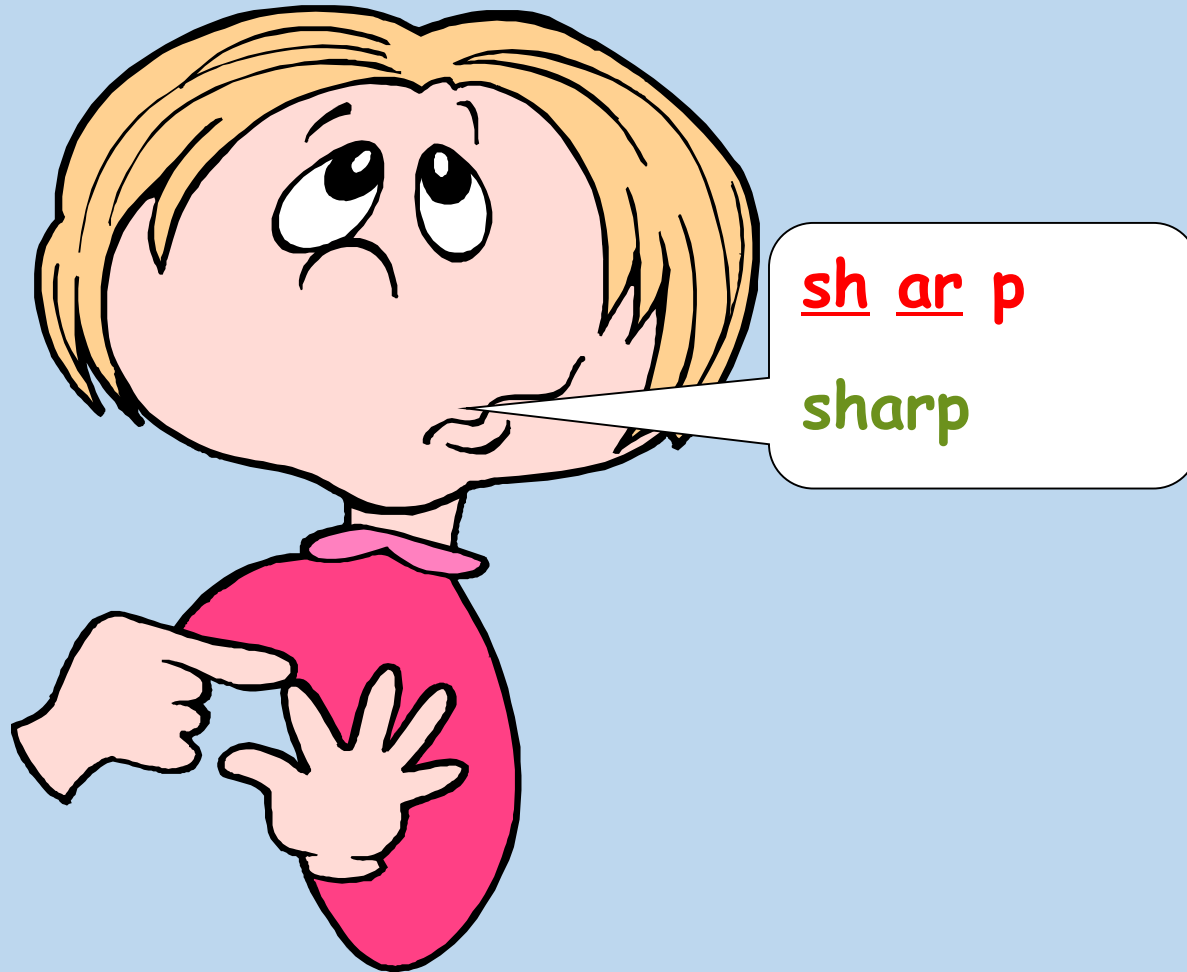
- ▶ How many letters? 26
- ▶ How many sounds (phonemes)? 44
- ▶ How many spellings of the sounds? 144

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t
u v w x y z

ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, er.



Blending



Understanding (Comprehension)

- ▶ Being able to read does not mean you understand what you read.
- ▶ Your child might sound like a good reader but may not necessarily understand what the text means.
- ▶ The best way to develop understanding is to talk about texts.
- ▶ The next slide is easy to read - does anyone understand what it means?



An extract taken from a computer manual

According to the previous ATA/IDE hard drive transfer protocol, the signalling way to send data was in synchronous strobe mode by using the rising edge of the strobe signal. The faster strobe rate increases EMI, which cannot be eliminated by the standard 40-pin cable used by ATA and ultra ATA.



Reading in School

The *Teaching* of Reading

- ▶ Phonics
- ▶ Shared reading as a class
- ▶ Guided reading in groups
- ▶ Independent reading
- ▶ Reading activities
- ▶ Reading across the curriculum
- ▶ Storytime

Home Reading Books

Swap Shop Books

The hearing of reading is NOT the teaching of reading



Reading at Home -Practise and Enjoyment!

- ▶ Make reading visible; have books available in your home
- ▶ Share books every day;
- ▶ Adults need to show children that they read.
- ▶ Talk about books.
- ▶ Sit and listen - don't do chores around the reader!
- ▶ Respect choices.



Listening to your child read & Reading to your child

Listening to your child	Reading to your child
<p>Can your child read most words without help?</p> <p>Choose a quiet time and give your child your full attention</p> <p>If your child is stuck help them</p> <p>Explain the meanings of new words</p>	<p>Sit comfortably</p> <p>Read slowly with expression- use different voices for characters</p> <p>A book chosen by your child from a range of different types</p> <p>Read every day</p>
<p>Talk about the book as you go through</p> <p>Show children what your ideas are about the book</p> <p>Ask questions</p>	



Closed Questions!

- ▶ Do you like this book?
- ▶ Do you like this character?
- ▶ It's a good story isn't it?
- ▶ Do you like reading?
- ▶ Are you good at reading?
- ▶ Do you like this kind of story?

Change these questions so that the answers cannot be *yes* or *no*.

- What do you like about this book?
- What do you think of this character?
- Why do you think this is a good story?
- What's great about reading?
- Why are you a good reader?
- What is it about these stories that you like so much?



Talking about books

It is not a test!

Do you like this book; why?

Who is your favourite character?

Tell me about a character in the book.

Which words tell you what the character is like?

How would you feel?

What do you think will happen next?

What would you do?

What have you learned about in your book?

What can you tell me about...?



You're never too young!

Polar Bear Polar Bear

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qU97IXT8MIs>

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Have fun!!

