

Phonics Parent Guide - Autumn Term 2022/23

At Green Lane, we follow the Sounds Write phonics program. In Reception, we teach The Initial Code which is divided into 11 units. The table below outlines each unit, showing when each sound is introduced and provides example words for you to use at home. We also learn to read and write High Frequency Words throughout the Reception year and these are detailed at the bottom of the chart below. The High Frequency Words cannot be sounded out or blended and children just need to learn to read by sight and write from memory. The best way to achieve this is through regular practise.

We have uploaded a video to our website, www.greenlanemiddlesbrough.co.uk. showing what a Sounds Write word building lesson looks like. This will help to show you how your children learn phonics in school. Please set aside a little time each week to work with your child. Use the example words in the chart below to practise reading and writing the words from each unit. Be creative, make it fun and remember that regular, short periods are much better than long sessions. Here are some suggested activities, but please ask if you need more support.

- Show a word, hide it and ask your child to write it.
- Read the word by saying each sound first and then reading the word. Eg. p-i-n- pin
- Read the words in a sentence
- Build the words (as seen in the video)

Approx. date of learning	Unit Sounds	Example words
September	Unit 1- a, i, m, s, t	mat, sit, at, sam, sat, am
October	Unit 2- n, o, p	map, pit, nap, pot, pan, man, pin, not
October	Unit 3- b, c, g, h	bag, can, cot, bat, hit, hop, pig, tap, big
November	Unit 4- d, f, v, e	dad, dig, vet, van, fed, met, set, bed, pet
November- December	Unit 5- k, l, r, u	red, lip, leg, rot, rat, ken, log, kid, dug, hut
January	Unit 6- j, w, z	jam, jig, jug, wag, web, wet, zig, zip, job
January	Unit 7- x, y, ff, ll, ss, zz	fox, box, wax, max, yes, yap, yell, kiss, buzz, miss, fell, fizz
February	Unit 8- No new sounds	help, kept, nest, limp, pond, soft, hunt, vest, wisp, wilt
March	Unit 9- No new sounds	crab, plan, sniff, step, drop, glad, stop, drum, skip
April- May	Unit 10- No new sounds	d, grand, slump, print, trust, split
June-July	Unit 11- sh, ch, th, ck, wh, ng, qu	fresh, lunch, thump, black, whisk, string, squid
High Frequency Words- is, a, the, I, for, of, are, was, all, come, some, to,		