PHONICS AT DOWNTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 2

WHAT IS PHONICS?

- Method for teaching reading and writing.
- Develop learners' awareness of the phonemes (sounds) and graphemes (spelling patterns) and their links.

CODE BREAKING

- The written language is like a code.
- Knowing the sounds of the individual letters and how they sound when they are combined will help children decode words as they read.
- Know which words to use when they are writing words.

TEACHING PHONICS AT DOWNTON PRIMARY

- There are 26 letters in the English alphabet.
- There are 44 phonemes (sounds) in the English language,
- There are about 250 graphemes!
- For Example how many ways can we write the /k//sound?
- C, k, ck, ch

SONG OF SOUNDS

- Starts in Reception
- Progresses through Year 1
- Supports children in Y2 as they move onto spelling rules



SONG OF SOUNDS IN RECEPTION

SONG OF SOUNDS IN YEAR 1

- Children are taught 27 new graphemes
- 10 phonemes



SONG OF SOUNDS IN YEAR 1

HOW DO WE TEACH IT?

- Multi-sensory
- Sing the song, with actions, use pictures
- Learn 1 sound each week with its alternative graphemes

WHERE IS ALL THIS LEADING?

- Confident readers who can decode(sound out) and blend words
- Confident writers who can use phonics to make plausible choices when spelling words

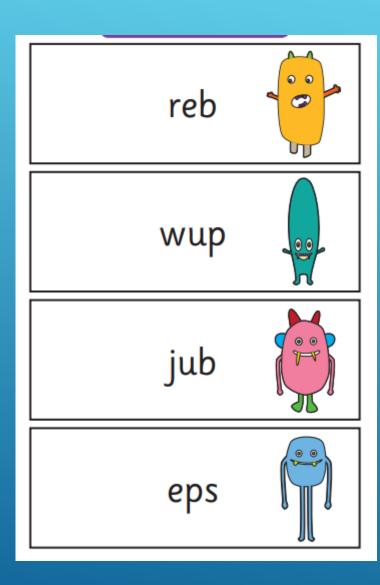
THE PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

- Usually at the end of year 1 (June)
- Now in the Autumn term

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

- Individual with class teacher
- 40 words
- Pseudo (alien names) and real words
- Not timed
- Plenty of practice!

TEST



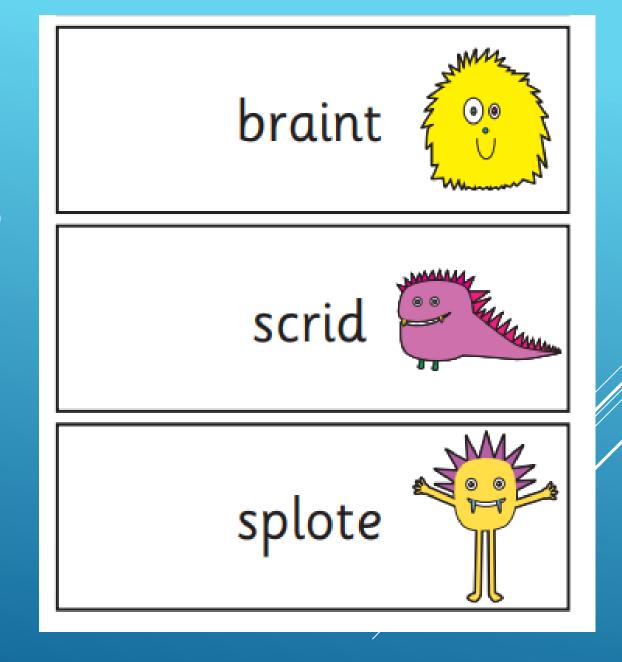
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modern

saucers

charming

SOUND BUTTONS



WHAT ARE WE DOING IN SCHOOL?

- Continuing to teach, revise and practice all the phonemes and graphemes learnt since Year R
- Reading regularly
- Continuing to model sounding out and blending when we read and write in class
- Encouraging the children to use their Sound Mats and phonics knowledge in all their reading and writing activities
- Continuing to make Phonics fun!

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP YOUR CHILD?

- Continue to read every day with your child
- Talk about the sounds and help them to use their phonics to sound out and blend new words
- Play games
- Use any supporting resources or games sent home with your child

WEBSITES & RESOURCES

<u>PhonicsPlay – Resources</u>

(Make sure you click on 'phase 5' when setting up the games

https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=phonics

