



# Phenomenal Phonics!

## Activities for Nursery aged children



### Sounds in the Environment



#### Go on a Listening walk!

- You could go around your house or garden and practice listening carefully to all the different sounds you hear.
- Did you recognise all the sounds? Were they loud or quiet, long or short?



#### Noise Makers!

- Gather a collection of your own noise makers and put them in a bag. You could include things like a crisp packet, set of keys, coins in a pot or a squeaky toy. Use one of the objects to make a sound for your child to guess.



#### 'I hear with my Little Ear!'

- Play the game 'I hear with my little ear!' Take it in turns to imitate the sound of something found around your house, like a clock, telephone, or recognisable animal like a cat or dog. Can your child guess what makes that sound?



#### Sound Effect Stories!

- Read a familiar story or rhyme, use instruments or noise makers to add sound effects to the story.



There is so much to learn when you explore phonics:

- Developing children's speaking and listening skills.
- Developing phonological awareness.
- Developing children's oral blending and segmenting skill.

### Voice Sounds



#### Guess the Animal???

- Play an animal themed guessing game. Make some sound effects for different animal noises and encourage your child to guess what animal sound you are making. You could 'meow' like a cat, 'woof' like a dog or 'hiss' like a snake.

#### Noisy Sentences

- Try reading and saying these NOISY sentences:
  - The car went beep, beep!
  - The lion went ROAR!
  - The cat went meow!
- Can your child think of a noisy sentence of their own?



#### Funny Voices

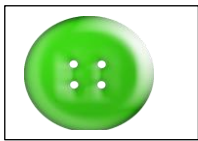
- Play a funny voices game as you listen to a story. Can you speak like a troll? How about a fairy? What other characters could you be? Can you change your voice to make different voices for each character?



# Letter Sounds

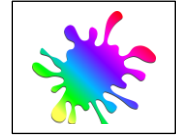
## Mystery Bag

- Place 3 objects in a bag, like a 'ball', 'button', 'bear' for the letter 'b'. Have your child name each item and guess the 'mystery letter' that all the objects start with.



## Say 2 words

- When you say 2 words that begin with the same sound such as 'cat', 'cup' your child should stand up as fast as they can, but remain seated if the 2 words do not begin with the same sound.



## Splat the letter!

- Use a flyswatter or plastic spatula to hit the letter you write on sticky notes.
- Say a letter for your child to splat!



## Phonics Scavenger Hunt

- Can your child find something in the house/garden starting with 's', 'a', 't' etc.

## Letter sounds Race

- Pin up 2 – 3 sticky notes or pieces of paper around the room or garden with different letter sounds written on them.
- Say one of the letters and have your child run to the correct letter sound. Can they pronounce the letter sound correctly. Repeat several times.



## Musical Letters

- Write several letters on pieces of paper and lay on the floor.
- Play some music, when the music stops, your child needs to stand on a letter sound. Can they tell you their letter to stay in the game?

# Letter Sounds



## Watering Letters – (TO BE COMPLETED OUTSIDE)

- Write some chalk letters outside on the floor. Call out a letter. Can you child water the correct one?

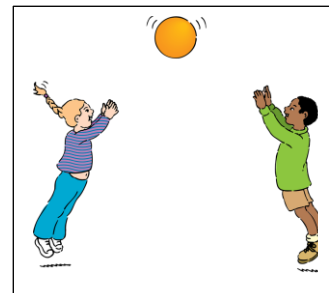
## Letter Hopscotch

- Use chalk to create a letter hopscotch with your child. Can they hop on the 's', 'a', 't' etc.



## Alphabet Ball

- First call out a letter and your child should respond with a word that begins with that letter.
- Then the adult throws or rolls the ball to the child.
- The child then calls out a letter for the adult to respond with a word that begins with that letter and so on.
- You can also play rhyming ball, where the thrower/roller provides a word for the catcher to rhyme with, e.g. cat, hat.

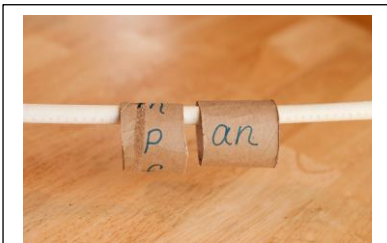


# Oral Blending and Segmenting

These activities will help your child break down words and identify word families.

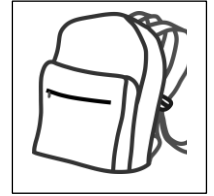
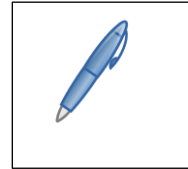
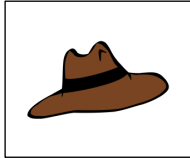
## Spin and Rhyme

- Use a paper towel roll and clothes hanger to easily create rhyming words e.g. cat, pat, mat, sat.
- Cut your paper towel roll into sections.
- Write the ending sound of a word on one section e.g. 'an'.
- Now write the first letter of words that can be made on another piece of cut tube, e.g. 'p', 'f', 'c', 'm'.
- Pull out one end of the hanger from the bar and slide the tube pieces on and replace the end back inside the bar.
- Now your child can spin the first letter to make different words.



# Oral Blending and Segmenting

## Eddie the Explorer!



- Eddie the Explorer has a list of things he needs to take on his next adventure but he can't read!
- Can you help Eddie work out what he needs to pack in his bag?
- Sound out and blend together the words below to find out what he needs to take;

m-a-p

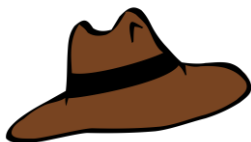
c-u-p

h-a-t

p-e-n

## Drawing Game

- Play a listening and drawing game.
- Take it in turns with your child to sound out a simple CVC word to draw and then the other person has to draw the next item!
- Try these words;



h-a-t



s-u-n



p-a-n



t-e-n

# Have Fun!!!