

At Hope School and College, we use Twinkl Phonics. Twinkl Phonics is a Department for Education Validated Systematic Synthetic Phonics Programme. We use this scheme to teach reading and writing throughout school.

What is Synthetic Phonics?

- Synthetic phonics is a method of teaching reading and writing in which words are broken up into their smallest units of sound or 'phonemes'.
- Pupils learn to associate a written letter or group of letters, known as 'graphemes', with each phoneme.
- Sounds are then joined or 'blended' together into words for reading or, conversely, whole words are broken down or 'segmented' into their sounds for writing.
- Sounds are taught in a prescribed order starting with s, a, t, p, i, n, as this allows for the most words to be made

Hope School and College has chosen the Twinkl Phonics scheme because it is flexible and multisensory. The scheme can also be delivered at a pace to suit the needs of classes and individuals within our school. The strategies used throughout the scheme which are: multisensory, practical and repetitive - these are excellent means of delivering a phonics curriculum for our pupils and young people.

The Twinkl Phonics scheme is as follows:-

Level 1 – within this level pupils learn to listen to/ respond and recognise different sounds. These listening skills are essential and build a basis of of early phonological awareness. This level involves lots of practical learning through games, activities and having fun with different sounds in the world around us.

By the end of Level 1, pupils will have had opportunities and experiences in:

- listening attentively;
- enlarging their vocabulary;
- speaking confidently to adults and others;
- discriminating between different sounds including phonemes;
- orally segmenting words into phonemes.

These learning opportunities are presented through 7 Aspects.

Aspect 1 – Environmental Sounds

Aspect 2 – Instrumental Sounds

Aspect 3 – Body Percussion

Aspect 4 – Rhythm and Rhyme

Aspect 5 – Alliteration

Aspect 6 – Voice Sounds

Aspect 7 – Oral Blending and Segmenting

Level 2,3,4,5,6, – within these levels pupils are introduced to a range of individual letters and sounds. Pupils are encouraged to read, write, say, spell and sign individual words, graphemes and phonemes (letters and sounds). We use the suggested order of letters in a flexible way throughout school. In some departments the scheme may be 'dipped into' as an intervention for supporting individuals with targeted work.

What we *love* about Twink Phonics is that every letter/sound has a song and a 'sign.' for example:

Let's Sing!

(To the tune of 'One Man Went to Mow')

Meatballs,
m - m - m
How we love to eat them.
Meatballs,
m - m - m
How we love to eat them!

Singing and signing are the best ways of helping pupils to engage with, respond and remember individual letters and sounds. In our classrooms we will also provide opportunities for - exploring sounds, mark making reading, writing, games and more.

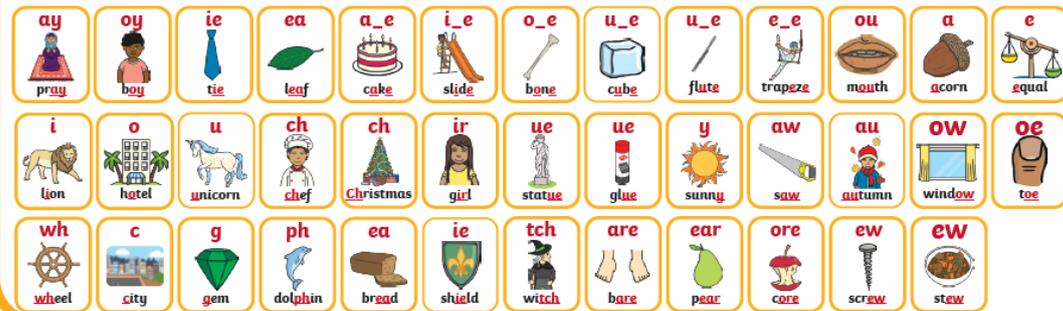
Level 2 Sounds

s	a	t	p	i	n	m	d	g	o	c	k
ck	e	u	r	h	b	f	l	ff	ll	ss	

Level 3 Sounds



Level 5 Sounds



Level 6 Sounds



Here is some of the terminology we need to know when teaching using Twinkl Phonics.

Phoneme - the smallest unit of sound in words

Grapheme - the written representation of a sound

GPC (Grapheme-Phoneme Correspondence) - being able to match a phoneme with the correct grapheme and vice versa

Blending - joining individual speech sounds together to read a word

Segmenting - breaking down words into individual speech sounds to spell a word

Digraph - two letters making one sound, e.g. 'sh'

Trigraph - three letters making one sound, e.g. 'igh'

Split digraph - two letters making one sound which are divided by a consonant, e.g. the i_e sound in the word 'side'

Tricky/Common Exception Words - words that are not fully decodable, such as 'the' and 'was'

Sound buttons - circles or spots that can be written underneath a sound to support reading

Sound bars - lines that can be written underneath digraphs or trigraphs to show that the letters make one sound

Mnemonic - a visual prompt to help children remember a sound

Link for the free Twinkl Phonics handbook

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-ug-039-twinkl-phonics-user-guide>

For more information on how we use Twinkl Phonics at Hope School and College, please contact the school office and they can help you further.

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