



Whole school Phonics curriculum:
Progression of knowledge, skills and
understanding
Year A

Phase 2

Week	Sounds	Tricky Words (Reading)	Mini Book Title
1	s, a, t, p		Kit and Sam
2	i, n, m, d		It Is...
3	g, o, c, k		Kit and Sam Got...
4	ck, e, u, r	to, the	Cats and Dogs!
5	h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss	no, go, l	Let's Go
6	Level 2 Revision		Pop and Puff

Phase 3

Week	Sounds	Tricky Words (Reading)	Tricky Words (Spelling)	Mini Book Title
1	j, v, w, x	Revision of all Level 2 tricky words		Lots of Jobs
2	y, z, zz, qu, ch	he, she	to, the	The Quiz
3	sh, th, th, ng	we, me, be		The King
4	ai, ee, igh, oa	was	no, go, l	We Will Get Them a...
5	oo, oo, ar, or	my		Farmyard Fun
6	ur, ow, oi, ear	you		Let's Cook
7	air, ure, er	they		Fix the Rocker
8	Recap Sounds from Weeks 1-4	here		The Visit
9	Recap Sounds from Weeks 5-7	all, are		Dad's Dinner
10	Trigraphs and Consonant Digraphs	Recap: was, my		Fun at the Park
11	Letter Sounds and Vowel Digraphs	Recap: we, they		Top Dog Fun
12	Level 3 Revision	Revision of all Level 3 tricky words	the, to, no, go, l	Pippa Rabbit

Phase 4

Week	Sounds	Tricky Words (Reading)	Tricky Words (Spelling)	Mini Book Title
1	Final Consonant Blends	said, so	he, she, we, me, be	Felt and Wilf
2	Initial Consonant Blends	have, like, come, some	was, you	Trip to Everest
3	Consonant Blends	were, there, little, one	they, are, all	The Camping Trip
4	Consonant Blends	do, when, out, what	my, her, here	The Storm

Phase 5

Week	Sounds	Decodable Spellings	Common Exception Words (Reading)	Common Exception Words (Spelling)	Mini Book Title
1	'ay' saying /aɪ/	day, may, say, play, clay, tray, spray, crayon	could, should	said, so	Fun with Jay
2	'oy' saying /ɔɪ/	toy, boy, joy, enjoy, destroy, annoy, employ, royal	would, want	have, like	The Royal Visit
3	'ie' saying /iɪ/	pie, lie, tie, die, cried, tried, spied, fried	oh, their	some, come	Keeping Fit
4	'ea' saying /eə/	sea, bead, read, seat, meat, heap, treat, least	Mr, Mrs	were, there	The Sea Park
5	'a_e' saying /eɪ/	snake, game, cake, ate, same, make, name, came	love, your	little, one	The Photo Album
6	'i_e' saying /iɪ/ or 'o_e' saying /oʊ/	bike, time, pine, prize, bone, home, note, alone	people, locked	do, when	The Rose Stone
7	'u_e' saying /uː/ and /juː/ 'e_e' saying /eɪ/	use, cube, fume, tube, these, theme, even, complete	called, asked	what, could	Visiting Albert
8	'ou' saying /oʊ/	our, about, cloud, scout, sprout, proud, sound, ground	water, where	should, would	Kit's Camping Trip
9	Long Vowel Sounds	apricot, kind, wild, lion, human, gold, cold, both	who, why	want, their	Otesha and the Golden Lion
10	'ch' saying /tʃ/ and /ʃ/	school, Christmas, chemist, chord, echo, chef, parachute, chute	thought, through	Mr, Mrs	Christmas Fun at School

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11	'i' saying /er/	stir, girl, bird, shirt, dirt, third, first, thirteen	work, house	love, your	An Amazing Little Girl
12	'ue' saying /oo/ and /yoo/	due, venue, fuel, argue, clue, glue, true, blue	many laughed	people, looked	Wedding Fun!
13	'ew' saying /oo/ and /yoo/	few, new, dew, stew, blew, chew, grew, drew	because, different	asked, called	Old School Days
14	'y' saying /ee/	very, family, body, happy, sunny, furry, crunchy, hairy	any, eyes	water, where	Mississippi River Boat
15	'aw' and 'au' saying /or/	saw, paw, draw, yawn, August, launch, laundry, astronaut	friend, also	who, why	A Weekend to Remember
16	'ow' and 'oe' saying /oa/	low, slow, window, own, toe, hoe, doe, goes	once, please	thought, through	Jurassic Visit
17	'wh' saying /w/	white, whisper, whiskers, whine, whale, which, while, wheel	lived, coming	work, house	Ben's Trip Back in Time
18	'c' saying /s/ and 'g' saying /j/	gem, magic, giant, ginger, cell, city, face, slice	Monday, Tuesday	many, laughed	The Magic Carpet
19	'ph' saying /f/	phone, dolphin, elephant, alphabet, photo, microphone, graph, orphan	Wednesday, Thursday	because, different	Kit and Sam's Animal Project
20	'ea' saying /e/	head, bread, ready, deaf, healthy, weather, instead, breakfast	more, before	any, eyes	Basketball with Heather
21	'ie' saying /ee/	chief, brief, field, shield, priest, shriek, thief, relief	January, February	friend, once	Highfields Estate

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22	Adding -ed	jumped, looked, gasped, yelled, hunted, started, shouted, wished	April, July	please, lived	Alien Topic
23	Adding -s and -es	skirts, raincoats, hoodies, bracelets, glasses, buses, boxes, wishes	August, October	more, coming	Trip to Kanpur
24	Adding -er and -est to adjectives	louder, fresher, quicker, colder, loudest, freshest, quickest, coldest	November, December	Monday, Tuesday	Training Camp
25	'tch' saying /ch/	catch, match, fetch, witch, stitch, ditch, crutch, kitchen	door, floor	Wednesday, Thursday	Patch the Witch
26	Adding -ing and -er to verbs	playing, helping, teaching, singing, player, helper, teacher, singer	prince, princess	also, before	Let's Rock Out
27	'ear' and 'are' saying /air/	tear, wear, bear, pear, stare, care, share, dare	autumn, school	January, February	Hare Jump
28	've' saying /v/	live, give, have, serve, leave, active, relative, believe	know, baby	April, July	The Queen's Big Day
29	'ore' saying /or/	more, core, sore, score, shore, adore, before, explore	mother, another	August, October	The Athletics Track
30	Adding un-	untie, unwell, undo, unkind, unlock, unfair, unpack, unsafe	talk, two	November, December	Unlock the Rainforest

Phase 6

Week	Sounds	Decodable Spellings	Common Exception Words (Spelling)	Grammar Focus	Mini Book Title
1	'y' saying /igh/	by, try, dry, sky, fly, sly, spy, reply	door, floor	Capital Letters and Full Stops	Minibeast Giants
2	'dge' and 'ge' saying /j/	edge, hedge, badge, bridge, change, large, orange, challenge	prince, princess	Proper Nouns (Names)	Princess Lily Saves the Day
3	Adding -es to words ending in 'y'	flies, cries, spies, replies, babies, teddies, carries, hurries	autumn, school	Plural Nouns	Superheroes to the Rescue
4	'gn' saying /n/	gnome, sign, gnaw, gnat, design, gnarl, gnash	know, baby	Alphabetical Order (1)	The Gnome
5	'kn' saying /n/	knight, knee, knot, knife, knock, know, knapsack, knowledge	mother, another	Alphabetical Order (2)	Knights and Dragons
6	Adding -ed or -ing to words ending in 'y'	copied, copying, worried, worrying, annoying, annoyed, studying, studied	talk, two	Verbs	Cheating
7	'wr' saying /r/	wrong, wren, wrist, wrap, write, wrote, wring, wreck	world, work	Adverbs	The Kite
8	'le' saying /l/	bubble, middle, table, apple, little, puddle, giggle, cuddle	poor, great	Common Nouns (Revision)	Toddler Trouble
9	Adding -er and -est to words ending in 'y'	happier, happiest, easier, easiest, funnier, funniest, luckier, luckiest	break, steak	Adjectives and Expanded Noun Phrases	We're all Winners

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10	'el' saying /l/	camel, travel, chisel, squirrel, tunnel, funnel, towel, tinsel	busy, clothes	Commas in Lists	The Dig in the Desert
11	'al' and 'il' saying /l/	festival, total, pupil, April, medal, local, pencil, nostril	whole, Easter	Proper Nouns (Place Names)	The Easter Flower Festival
12	Adding -ed and -er to words ending in 'e'	hiked, hiker, timed, timer, braved, braver, baked, baker	again, most	Regular Past Tense	We are Hikers!
13	'æer' saying /ear/	steer, career, volunteer, cheer, sheer, peer, deer, meerkat.	only, both	Regular Present Tense	Careers Week
14	'ture' saying /cher/	future, picture, sculpture, nature, vulture, adventure, creature, capture	please, use	Question Marks and Commands	Trip to the Future
15	Adding -est and -y to words ending in 'e'	nicest, bravest, finest, largest, shiny, sparkly, noisy, slimy	money, parents	Exclamations and Statements	A Slimy Adventure
16	'mb' saying /m/	lamb, limb, comb, numb, climb, thumb, crumb, bomb	every, everybody	Using a Dictionary (1)	Kit's Polar Adventure
17	'al' saying /or/	all, call, hall, small, walk, talk, chalk, almost	pretty, beautiful	Coordinating Conjunctions	Chalk and Talk
18	Adding -ing and -ed to CVC, CCVC words	patting, humming, dropping, shopping, jogged, fitted, clapped, stopped	England, Ireland	Irregular Past Tense	Exploring Northern Ireland
19	'o' saying /u/	brother, son, above, wonder, worry, glove, cover, month	always, after	Exciting Words (1)	A Trip to London

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20	'ey' saying /ee/	key, monkey, donkey, honey, money, chimney, valley, turkey	everyone, mouse	Exclamation Marks	Bumblemonkey
21	Adding -er, -est or -y to CVC and CVCC words	longer, wetter, warmer, hottest, coldest, funny, windy, sunny	four, eight	Improving Sentences (1) Nouns and Adjectives	The Perfect Holiday
22	Contractions	can't, you'll, I'll, didn't, we'd, couldn't, should've, could've	aunt, father	Contractions	I've Found 10,000 Ways
23	'wer' saying /wɔ:/, 'wor' saying /wɜ:/	war, ward, warm, towards, world, worst, work, worth	prove, improve	Subordinating Conjunctions	Meeting Florence
24	Adding -ment and -ness	enjoyment, payment, excitement, movement, fairness, kindness, tidiness, happiness	hour, move	Improving Sentences (2) Verbs and Adverbs	The Ancient Olympics
25	's' for /zɪv/	usual, casual, treasure, pleasure, measure, Asia visual, closure	sure, sugar	Exciting Words (2) Using a Thesaurus	The Treasure Hunt
26	'we' saying /wɔ:/, 'qua' saying /kwɔ:/	went, watch, wash, swap, quality, squash, squabble, quantity	half, quarter	Possessive Apostrophes	The School Fashion Show
27	'tion' saying /ʃʊn/	action, motion, description, station, section, adoption, portion, fiction	straight, weight	Improving Sentences (3)	Fluff's Animal Rescue
28	Adding -ful, -less and -ly	graceful, wonderful, powerful, breathless, careless, badly, happily, luckily	caught, daughter	Speech Marks	The Year 2 Pantomime
29	Homophones and Near Homophones	hear, here, there, their, bear, bare, quiet, quite	forty, area	Commas in Speech	Adventures in Wonderland
30	Adding dis-	dislike, disappear, disagree, disappoint, disconnect, dishonest, disqualify, disobey	heard, early	Using a Dictionary (2)	The Dream