

# Practical Ideas to Support Phonics Development (EYFS/KS1)



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Today we will cover:

- Phases of phonics
- Practical activities for each phase



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## Phase 1 – Sound Eggs

- Fill eggs with different materials and let children experiment with the sounds (rice, sugar, pebbles, etc)
- Children could describe the sounds they can hear, compare them and sort them.
- Children could make their own sound eggs by choosing what to put inside.



# Practical Activities

## Phase 1 – Musical Wall

- Hang items from around the house onto a washing line or wall.
- Let children experiment with the different sounds they make.
- Children could add their own items to the music wall.



# Practical Activities

## Phase 1 – Sound Hunt

- Go on a walk around your local area and see what sounds you can hear.
- This could also be carried out as part of your daily routine (on the way to school, at the shops)
- Great to develop other areas of learning too



# Practical Activities

## Phase 1/2 – Metal Mike

- Metal Mike is hungry! Children feed him objects or words and the adult and children say each sound in the word (simple words only – cat, cat, mat, van, pig)
- Use objects or pictures for Phase 1 and word cards for Phase 2
- Teaches children to hear individual sounds in words. They will use this to write later.



# Practical Activities

## Phase 1/2 – I Spy

- Put a range of items on the floor and help your child identify the items that start with the same sounds.
- Helps children to identify initial sounds.





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## Phase 2/3 – Sound Twister

- Place a sound or simple word on each circle. An adult will give an instruction, such as 'put your arm on the word cat' and children will read the word and select the correct one.



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## Phase 2/3 – Buried Treasure Hunt

- Write sounds or simple words on round pieces of card (coins) and hide them in sand. Children hunt for specific words.
- You could also do this by writing sounds on ping pong balls and putting them in water. Children can fish out the sounds.



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## Phase 2/3/4/5 – Tricky Word Hopscotch

- Write tricky words on cards and place them in a hopscotch formation. Ask children to jump on certain words.
- This could also be done with chalk on the ground.



# Practical Activities

## Phase 2 – Letter Formation

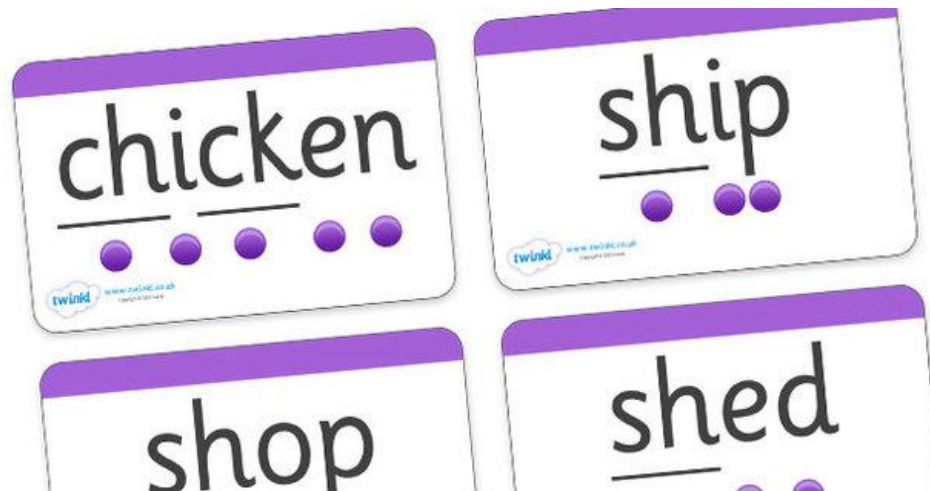
- Kids love to get messy! Let them practise forming letters in shaving foam, sand, mud or anything else messy that you have in your house.
- Remember to use the [Read Write Inc](#) phrases to remind your children to form the letters correctly.



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## Phase 2/3 – Sound Buttons

- When reading or writing words, get children to add a sound button under each sound. Individual phonemes are represented with a dot and sounds that contain 2 or more letters are represented with a line. Children then press the buttons and say each sound. They repeat this faster and faster until they are able to automatically put the sounds together to read the words.
- We encourage them to do this when they write words too so they can identify the different units of sound within the words they write.



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## Phase 2/3/4/5 – Beanbag Toss

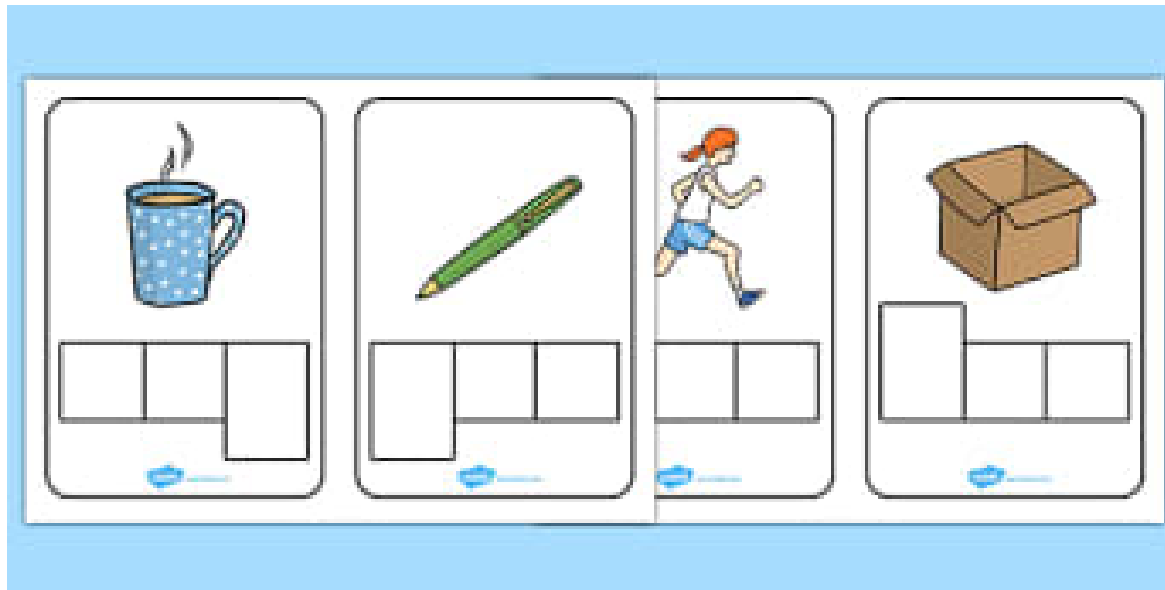
- Write sounds or words on the ground using chalk. Say a word and children read them to find the correct word and throw the beanbag at it.
- Great for developing gross motor skills too.



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## Phase 2/3/4/5 – Phoneme Frames

- Children identify the sounds to label the picture. The number and size of the boxes guides children to identify the correct sounds.
- Available on both [Sparklebox](#) and [Twinkl](#). They are different for each phase. Teachers can send these to you – please ask!



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## Phase 2/3/4/5 – Lego Phonics

- Write sounds on each piece of Lego and children can build words using them. They can build their own words or you can give them specific words to build.
- You can also write words on each block and children can build their own sentences.





# Practical Activities

## iPad Apps

- [Phonics Lilies](#) (free)
- [Hairy Letters](#) (£1.99)
- [Mr Thorne's Phonics Safari](#)
- [Mr Thorne Does Phonifreecs](#) (£1.99)
- [Phonics with Phonzy](#) (free)
- [Abc Pocket Phonics](#) (£4.99)



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## Websites

- [Phonicsplay](#)
- [ICT Games](#)
- [Topmarks](#)

# Parent Requested Information

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- Jolly Phonics songs can be found [here](#).
- Information about the Phases in Phonics can be found [here](#)



**Thank you.**