Healdswood Infant & Nursery School



Essential Letters & Sounds

Progression document of Phonics

Nursery - Year 2

ELS Overview – Phase 1 to Phase 5

Phase 1*	Phase 2	Phase 3**
Nursery/Pre-School Seven aspects: Environmental sounds Instrumental sounds Body percussion Rhythm and rhyme Alliteration Voice sounds Oral blending	Reception/Primary 1 Autumn 1 Oral blending Sounding out and blending with 23 new grapheme-phoneme correspondences (GPCs) 12 new harder to read and spell (HRS) words	Reception/Primary 1 Autumn 2, Spring 1 and Spring 2 Oral blending Sounding out and blending with 29 new GPCs 32 new HRS words Revision of Phase 2
Phase 4**	Phase 5 including alternatives and lesser-known GPCs	Beyond Phase 5
Reception/Primary 1 Summer 1 Oral blending No new GPCs No new HRS words Word structures – cvcc, ccvc, ccvcc, cccvc and phase 2 and phase 3	Reception/Primary 1 Summer 2 Introduction to Phase 5 for reading 20 new GPCs 16 new HRS words Year 1/Primary 2 Autumn 1 and 2 Revision of previously taught Phase 5 GPCs 2 new GPCs 9 new HRS words Year 1/Primary 2 Spring 1 and 2 Alternative spellings for previously taught sounds 49 new GPCs 4 new HRS words Oral blending Revision of Phase 2, Phase 3 and Phase 4	Year 1/Primary 2 Summer, Year 2/Primary 3 and Key Stage 2 • With ELS, phonics teaching does not stop at the end of Year 1, but continues as children move through the school, with links being made between their GPC knowledge and spelling • Revision of all previously taught GPCs for reading and spelling • Wider reading, spelling and writing curriculum

ELS Term-by-term Progression

	Reception/Primary 1 Autumn 1: Phase 2							
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6			
/s/ <s> /a/ <a> /t/ <t> /p/</t></s>	/i/ <i> /n/ <n> /m/ <m> /d/ <d></d></m></n></i>	/g/ <g> /o/ <o> /c/ <c> <k></k></c></o></g>	/k/ <ck> /e/ <e> /u/ <u> /r/ <r></r></u></e></ck>	/s/ <ss> Assess and review week R:1</ss>	/h/ <h> /b/ /f/ <f> <ff> /l/ <l></l></ff></f></h>			
	I, the, no	put, of, is	to, go, into	pull	as, his			

Reception/Primary 1 Autumn 2: Phase 3*							
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6		
/j/ <j> /v/ <v> /w/ <w> /ks/ <x></x></w></v></j>	/y/ <y> /z/ <z> <zz> /kw/ <qu> /ch/ <ch></ch></qu></zz></z></y>	/sh/ <sh> /th/ (voiced and unvoiced) /ng/ <ng> /nk/ <nk></nk></ng></sh>	/ai/ <ai> /ee/ <ee> /igh/ <igh> /oa/ <oa></oa></igh></ee></ai>	-es (where there is no change to the root word) Assess and review week R:2	Review week R:3		
he, she, buses	we, me, be	push	was, her		my, you		

^{*} Phase 3 of ELS covers more than just the Phase 3 graphemes – we introduce some challenge from Phase 4 (in the form of adjacent consonants) alongside the Phase 3 teaching to extend children's sounding out and blending skills.

Reception/Primary 1 Spring 1: Phase 3-4						
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	
Review week R:4 /oo/ <oo> (book)</oo>	/ar/ <ar> /ur/ <ur> /oo/ <oo> (food) /or/ <or></or></oo></ur></ar>	/ow/ <ow> /oi/ <oi> /ear/ <ear> /air/ <air></air></ear></oi></ow>	/ure/ <ure> /er/ <er> /oa/ <ow></ow></er></ure>	Assess and review week R:5	Review week R:6	
	they, all, are		ball, tall	when, what		

Reception/Primary 1 Spring 2: Phase 3-4							
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6		
Review week R:7	Review week R:8	Review week R:9	Review week R:10	Assess and review week R:11	Review week R:12		
said, so, have	were, out, like	some, come, there	little, one, do	children, love			

Reception/Primary 1 Summer 1: Phase 4							
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6		
Phase 4:1 CVCC -ed /ed/	Phase 4:2 CCVC —ed /t/	Phase 4:3 CCVCC –ed /d/	Phase 4:4 CCCVC	Assess and review week R:13	Phase 4:5 CCCVCC –er –est		

Reception/Primary 1 Summer 2: Phase 5 introduction							
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6		
/ai/ <ay> /ow/ <ou> /igh/ <ie> /ee/ <ea> —le</ea></ie></ou></ay>	/oi/ <oy> /ur/ <ir> /(y)oo/ <ue> /or/ <aw></aw></ue></ir></oy>	/w/ <wh> /f/ <ph> /(y)oo/ <ew> /oa/ <oe></oe></ew></ph></wh>	/or/ <au> /ee/ <ey> /ai/ <a—e> /ee/ <e—e></e—e></a—e></ey></au>	Assess and review week R:14	/igh/ <i-e> /oa/ <o-e> /(y)oo/ <u-e> /s/ <c></c></u-e></o-e></i-e>		
oh, their	people, Mr, Mrs	your, ask, should	would, could, asked	house, mouse, water	want, very		

Year 1/Primary 2 Autumn 1: Phase 5							
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6		
Assess and review week Y1:1	Review week Y1:2	Revise: /ai/ <ay> /ow/ <ou> /igh/ <ie> /ee/ <ea></ea></ie></ou></ay>	Revise: /oi/ <oy> /ur/ <ir> /(y)oo/ <ue> /or/ <aw></aw></ue></ir></oy>	Assess and review week Y1:3	Revise: /w/ <wh> /f/ <ph> /(y)oo/ <ew> /oa/ <oe></oe></ew></ph></wh>		

Year 1/Primary 2 Autumn 2: Phase 5							
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6		
Revise: /or/ <au> /ee/ <ey> /ai/ <a-e> /ee/ <e-e></e-e></a-e></ey></au>	Revise: /igh/ <i-e> /oa/ <o-e> /(y)oo/ <u-e> /s/ <c></c></u-e></o-e></i-e>	/ee/ <y> /or/ <al> (walk) Review week Y1:4</al></y>	Review week Y1:5	Assess and review week Y1:6	Review week Y1:7		
please, once	any, many, again	who, whole	where, two				

Year 1/Primary 2 Spring 1: Phase 5								
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6			
Review week Y1:8	/ai/ <a> (acorn) /ai/ <ey> (they) /ai/ <ea> (great) /ai/ <eigh> (weight) /ar/ <a> (father) /ee/ <e> (he) /igh/ <i> (by)</i></e></eigh></ea></ey>	/oa/ <o> (go) /o/ <a> (was) /oo/ <u> (push) /y/+/oo/ <u> (music) /c/ <ch> (school) /sh/ <ch> (chef) /e/ <ea> (head)</ea></ch></ch></u></u></o>	/ur/ <or> (world) /ur/ <ear> (learn) /oo/ <ou> (soup) /oa/+/l/ <oul> (shoulder) /ee/ <ie> (brief) /v/ <ve> (have) /i/ <y> (gym)</y></ve></ie></oul></ou></ear></or>	Assess and review week Y1:9	/air/ <are> (care) /air/ <ere> (there) /air/ <ear> (pear) /ch/ <tch> (catch)</tch></ear></ere></are>			
		here, sugar, friend	because					

Year 1/Primary 2 Spring 2: Phase 5								
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6			
/u/ <o> (brother) Review week Y1:10</o>	/j/ <g> (gem) /j/ <ge>(fringe) /j/ <dge> (bridge) /s/ <st> (listen)</st></dge></ge></g>	/s/ <ce> (fence) /s/ <se> (house) /n/ <gn> (sign) /n/ <kn> (knee) /r/ <wr> (wrap) /m/ <mb> (lamb)</mb></wr></kn></gn></se></ce>	/z/ <se> (cheese) /z/ <ze> (freeze) /ear/ <eer> (cheer) /ear/ <ere> (here) /sh/ <ti>(patient) /sh/ <ti> —tion (station)</ti></ti></ere></eer></ze></se>	Assess and review week Y1:11	/ar/ <al> (half) /or/ <augh> (caught) /sh/ <ss> (session) /zh/ <si> (vision) /sh/ <ti> —tious (scrumptious) /sh/ <ci> (delicious) —ous, —ion, —ian</ci></ti></si></ss></augh></al>			

Year 1/Primary 2 Summer 1, Summer 2 : all phases						
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	

Review all previously taught GPCs for reading and spelling, and teach further rarely-used GPCs (see Appendix ii).