



# What can you do at Home to Support Phonics?

## Reading

- Read at home on a daily basis.
- Ask your child about what they have read.
- Segment and blend words.
- Encourage and model one to one correspondence.
- Ask your child to orally retell the story.
- Share read. Read pages alternately.
- Read to your child at bed time. Use higher level text.
- Look for print when out and about. Read signs and labels.

## Phonics

- Sing songs (rhyming)
- Encourage writing at home. Scribe emergent writing and ask what it means.
- Play games with flashcards.
- Model correct spelling of words by segmenting and blending.
- Invest in some magnetic letters, foam letters for the bath, leave messages on the fridge - make it fun!!
- Give instructions with segmented words, e.g. 'Could you get your c-oa-t on please'.

## Web site games and resources

<http://www.mrthorne.com/>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/phonics/>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/> - Games and resources such as flashcards

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

<http://ictgames.com/literacy.html>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=40>

[http://www.learnenglish.org.uk/kids/phonics/index\\_obtree.html](http://www.learnenglish.org.uk/kids/phonics/index_obtree.html)

[http://www.focusonphonics.co.uk/acatalog/Focus on Phonics Activities Games 65.html](http://www.focusonphonics.co.uk/acatalog/Focus_on_Phonics_Activities_Games_65.html) Lots of resources to buy.

Junior Scholars - Watford High Street, Tesco, Amazon, eBay, Ruth Miskin and Jolly Phonics have a great range of activities and resources that you can buy cheaply and a fantastic range of books for bedtime reading.