

Course overview

These phonics courses will help parents/grandparents/carers understand simple phonetic pronunciation before progressing to more complex ones. You will learn spelling rules and patterns, as well as how to read and spell words and sentences. The goal is to help parents/carers develop their phonics skills so that they can support their children to become proficient readers and writers. You will have the opportunity to practise a variety of techniques and strategies to understand how phonics is taught in primary schools. This will improve your understanding of how to support your children and gives you the opportunity to refresh your own literacy skills and improve your confidence when supporting your children with their English homework.

What will I study?

Please note that to have the opportunity to ask questions about the courses and get a good overview of what you will be learning you must enroll on the tasters associated with the first two courses.

The Phonics series consists of three courses. Each course builds on what you learned in the previous one. It is important to finish the entire series for the courses to be beneficial.

1. **Phonics and Beyond Course** Increase knowledge of children's reading development. Say the phonic sounds of the alphabet correctly. Use a range of problem-solving approaches to reading words Pre-teach a few difficult words and understand the value of this in helping with the flow of children's reading. Check comprehension after reading using closed and open questions.
2. **From Phonics to Spelling Course:** Learn how to teach your child to spell using phonics rules. You will experience how your child's school employs various spelling techniques and gain a better understanding of how to support your child with their spelling.
3. **From Spelling to writing Course:** Learn more about how writing is taught in elementary schools, consider how your child can expand their vocabulary, use methods like 'talk to write' that the school uses to help children write, learn how to use good grammar to create great sentences, follow the progress of children's punctuation throughout their primary school years and learn to use creative ways to encourage your child to write.
From week 2 onwards, It will be useful to have plain paper, scissors and, if possible, card, Pritt stick, a ruler and coloured pencils/ crayons. Materials will always be discussed and advertised the week before the lesson

Assessment method

You will complete practical and written activities in class to enable you to assess your progress. It is important to read and write with your child at home to apply what you have learned in class.

Entry requirements

This course is designed for parents and carers of primary school-aged children. The first two courses are more appropriate for KS1 students, but it can be beneficial at any stage of your child's education. In order to ask questions and understand what you will be learning, you must also complete the taster associated with each course.

What should I bring with me?

You will need to bring a pen, paper, or any other note-taking device for these sessions. You will need to have access to a mobile phone or any other electronic device. Please speak to your teacher if you have issues with online access.

Key information

This course will take place on site, at your child's school. You are advised, and will be supported, to install our learning platform Teams on your phone or any other electronic device. You will be able to access all the course resources and communicate with your teacher via Teams. You will receive a certificate once you complete the full phonics series.

Possible next steps

After completing these courses successfully, you will be supported to enrol onto the most appropriate progression course at the college. We offer various Vocational, Multiply, Math, ESOL and Digital skills courses.

Contact us

Our friendly staff can give you further advice and support.



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