Halesowen C of E Primary School



We care, we trust, we believe.

We share, we enjoy, we achieve.

Phonics Curriculum



School vision

Halesowen Church of England Primary School was a school built for the local community. Right from the beginning it was an inclusive school built on strong Christian beliefs. It is our duty to ensure that this deeply Christian core runs through everything we do at Halesowen C of E in the modern day.

We believe children can flourish if they are loved and valued. We have high expectations of everyone because we know they can achieve if someone believes in them. We trust each other and are proud that we are one big family. We care about each and every one of our families. We enjoy the job we do and make school a fun place to be. We share this place Halesowen C of E; a place special to all of us, a place where we can feel safe, a place where we can learn and thrive together.

Our Halesowen Curriculum Vision

At Halesowen C of E, we want all children to have access to a meaningful, fun and exciting, curriculum which is rich with first hand experiences and language. We will ensure pupils are given the opportunities to achieve. We believe that:

"A child is like a butterfly in the wind. Some can fly higher than others, but each one flies the best it can. Each one is different, each one is special, each one is beautiful."

We value all of our children irrespective of background, culture or academic ability and want them all to experience the breadth of curriculum subjects we offer allowing them to develop their own preferences and interests which they can foster and develop as they learn grow and move on to their next phase of education.

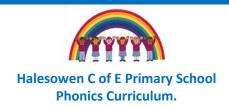
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Curriculum Intent

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AND	EYFS: - Statutory EYFS framework and Early learning goals. Use of development matters- Phonics currently begins for us in Reception(as we do not have a Nursery this year)
NON- STATUTORY GUIDANCE	 Key stage 1 and 2: - National Curriculum. – phonics is taught throughout year 1. After passing the screening check- children should be able to read fluently and will focus on reading common exception words and then on spelling. Any children not at the required standard will have phonics input. We have a single approach to phonics using the "Phonics Queen" approach, we also use of other resources to support the application of phonics for example in child-initiated time in reception. As a school we choose to follow the order the sounds are taught in from Letters and Sounds (Phase 1- Phase 5.) We expect phase 2 and 3 to be taught in Reception, Phase 4 is about consolidating and reading consonant clusters- we do not teach this explicitly. Phase 5 is taught
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PROVISION	Focus on quality first teaching using a systematic, synthetic phonics approach.
	Daily input with pace and rigour.
	 Phonics taught in a no-nonsense way to ensure the focus is on learning the sounds, blending and segmenting. All lessons should be structured the same. For example, lessons should not include finding letters in sand, because children are likely to focus more on playing with sand than on learning about letters. Teaching and learning activities like this may be valuable for other areas of learning including developing language but are not suitable for core phonics provision. (Taken from DFE guidance). We do add enhancements in child-initiated time in Reception and year 1 where children can apply phonics learning but the main teacher input always the same rigid structure.
	DFE "Direct teaching sessions should involve a routine so that teachers and children get to know what is coming next and minimum time is spent explaining new activities"
	 We have adopted some approaches from the Phonics Queen (not an entire scheme) and adapted them to fit our school e.g. choosing pictures for the flashcards that our children will recognise.
	 Consistency is important- all children will be taught the same sounds, actions, pictures flashcards. (multisensory approach) Lesson format to include: identifying and reading phonemes, reading words and sentences/ phrases, writing phonemes, writing words and writing sentences/ phrases.
	 Link to Kinetic letters handwriting programme so children can write lower- and upper-case letters correctly. Children will not join writing in EYFS or key stage 1.
	DFE: "Phonics is best understood as a body of knowledge and skills about how the alphabetic system works, and how to apply it in reading and spelling, rather than one of a range of optional 'methods' or 'strategies' for teaching children how to read."

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	 Reading books are closely matched to phonemes taught- they should be mainly decodable. We have used the vast number of books we already had and have reorganise them into phonics phases and sets and have also bought new books to supplement this. We aim to add to our reading books over time to further develop it. Our scheme is easily adaptable to remote learning- should it be needed. Staff can make videos. We have signed up to some online phonics reading books.
KNOWLEDGE	 We need to ensure the use of correct terminology- children should have this modelled to them and they should used it. E.g. Can you spot a digraph is that word? Our programme promotes the use of phonics as the route to reading unknown words, before any subsequent comprehension strategies are applied. It does not encourage children to guess unknown words from clues such as pictures or context, rather than first applying phonic knowledge and skills, however we do know that to develop a love of reading looking at pictures engage children's interests. We begin with Phase 1 to lay the foundations then move onto phase 2 sounds so that children have knowledge of some phoneme/grapheme correspondences to be able to read simple words. Phase 1 should be revisited alongside other phonics teaching. The focus of knowledge will always be on phonemes (not consonant clusters so s+p+l not spl) We will teach children to decode(read) and spell common exception words (sometimes called 'tricky' words-) These are taught gradually and in a set sequence)
SKILLS	 Clear progression of sounds- pace kept up. Children learn to identify and blend individual phonemes, from left to right all through the word Children to apply the skill of segmenting spoken words into phonemes for spelling and that this is the reverse of blending phonemes to read words Children to practise and apply known phoneme-grapheme correspondences for spelling through dictation of sounds, words and sentences
MEANINGFUL START POINTS	 Reading for pleasure- wanting to give the gift of reading- children desire to learn sounds so they can be "readers" Continuous focus on Phase 1 throughout school.
VOCABULARY AND LANGUAGE	 High expectations for speech and language development. Understanding phonics terminology do they know why they are learning what they are learning (the Science of being able to read)
ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES	Opportunities to apply their phonics learning through reading, spelling and enriching activities (outside of the phonics focused teaching)
INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT	 Ensure equality so all children can access learning (SEND)- have high expectations for phonics- keep up pace- offer interventions when needed. Promote resilience and perseverance even if some children may find reading challenging For staff development- High-quality training is an essential element of an SSP programme and is key to ensuring it is effectively implemented with fidelity and consistency within settings. The headteacher will lead the training on the Phonics Queen approach.

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Knowledge Progression map

*We follow the order set out in letters and sounds (2007) *

Aspect	Phase 1 Starts in Nursery	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5a
Overview	Phase one concentrates on developing children's speaking and listening skills and lays the foundations for	In phase 2, letters and their sounds are introduced one at a time-one per day	By the time children reach Phase 3, they will already be able to blend and segment words containing the 19	By Phase 4, children will be able to represent each of the 44 phonemes with a grapheme.	In Phase 5 we move on to the "complex code". Children will be taught new
	the phonic work which begins in Phase 2.	Sounds are taught each week in a set order.	graphemes taught in Phase 2. Over the course of the rest of	They will blend phonemes to read CVC words and segment CVC words for spelling. They	graphemes and alternative pronunciations and spellings for graphemes they already
	The emphasis during Phase 1 is to get children attuned to the sounds around them and	Children learn 19 different phonemes	this phase, they will learn 25 phonemes	will also be able to read two syllable words.	know. Phase 5a
	ready to begin developing oral blending and segmenting skills.	The children will begin to learn to blend and segment for reading and writing. This will begin with simple words.	On completion of this phase, children will have learnt the "simple code", i.e. one grapheme for each phoneme in	They will be able to read all tricky words learnt so far and the expectation is that they are learning the spellings of these	Children will learn new graphemes for some known phonemes (alternative phonemes)
	They will follow 7 aspects.	VC and CVC words.	the English language	words, with the majority spelt correctly.	They will begin to learn to
	Within each aspect, children will learn to: Tune into sounds – auditory discrimination Listen to and remember sounds – auditory memory and sequencing. Talk about sounds – developing vocabulary and language comprehension.	They will be able to read all Phase 2 tricky words	They will be able to read all Phase 2 and Phase 3 tricky words	This phase consolidates what the children have learnt in previous phases. By this point, children would be expected to read CVC words at speed along with the tricky words from the previous phases.	choose the appropriate grapheme when spelling, by asking the "question" This method means they start to distinguish between different ways to represent different sounds (sound families) so e.g. is it ai as in rain, ay as in spray or a-e as in cake?
	comprehension.			They should be able to read CCVC words and CVCC words	sping of are as in cake!

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Although phase 1 would start
in Nursery years it is
important that it is revisited
and rehearsed. Phase one is
never completed but instead
can support the other phases.

Natasha Tuite states: "teaching letters and sounds before the skills in phase one is lie buttering breads before you put it in the toaster!" The children will be automatically decoding a large number of words for reading at this point. By this phase, children should be reading words fluently and no longer be blending and segmenting familiar words. They will be able to read all tricky words learnt so far.

Phase 5b

The focus throughout this phase is to learn to read words with alternative pronunciations.

Children will learn there are different ways of saying the same grapheme so ow could be ow as in down or ow as in snow.

Phase 5c

The focus throughout this phase is to learn alternative spellings.

Children will learn different ways of spelling the same sound (some of which they

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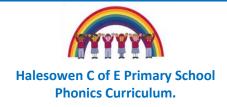
					will have been introduced to before)
Sounds learnt	No specific sounds learnt.	 s,a,t,p, i,n,m,d, g,o,c,k,ck, e,u,r,h, b,f,ff,I,II,ss 	 J,v,w,x,y,z,zz, qu,ch,sh,th,ng, ai,ee,igh,oa,oo, ar,or,ur,ow,oi, ear,air,ure,er 	No specific sounds learnt.	Phase 5a- Alternative phonemes ay, ou, ie, ea, oy, ir ue, aw, wh, ph, ew, oe, au, ey, a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e Phase 5b – alternative pronunciations a as in angel, a as in watch, e as in me, i as in tiger, o as in old, u as in unicorn, ow as in snow, ie as in shield, ea as in head, ou as in shoulder, y as in sky, y as in pyramid, y as in happy, ch as in Christmas, ch as in chef, c as in cycle, g a in giraffe, ey as in grey, Phase 5c alternative spelling ch can be made with t as in picture or tch as in match, m can be made with mb as in comb, n can be made with mb as in comb, n can be made with wr as in wrong, s can be made with st as in whistle or se as in horse z can be made with se as in

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					cheese, u can me made with o as in mother, ear can be made with ere as in here and eer as in cheer, ar can be made with a as in father, al as in calm, air can be made with ere as in where or ear as in pear or are as in square, or can be made with al as in ball or our as in four or augh as in naughty, ur can be made with ear as in earth or or as in word and oo can be made with ou as in would or u as in pull Add in more
Tricky words	No tricky words taught	I , no, go, to, the, into	he, she, we, me, be, you, are, her, was, all, they, my	said, have, like, so, do, some, come, little, one, were, there, what, when, out	Oh, could, people, their, Mr, Mrs, called, asked, looked

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Skills Progression map

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Aspect	Phase I	Phase 2	Phase 3	Pilase 4	l Phase 5

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- Environmental sounds
- Instrumental sounds
- Body percussion
- Rhythm and rhyme
- Alliteration
- Voice Sounds
- Oral blending and segmenting

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- Recognising Phase 2 graphemes
- Learning the phoneme that matches a grapheme (graph)
- Writing graphemes (graph)
- Blending sounds in VC or CVC words.
- Reading by sighttricky words
- Segmenting for spelling and writing Vc and CVc words

- Recalling Phase 2
- Recognising Phase 3 graphemes
- Knowing that a phoneme that matches a graphemes (graph/ digraph and trigraph)
- Writing graphemes (graph and digraph and trigraph)
- Blending sounds in VC or CVC words.
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- Recalling Phase 2 and 3 phonemes and the graphemes
- Knowing that a phoneme matches a graphemes(graph/ digraph and trigraph)
- Writing graphemes(graph and digraph and trigraph)
- Blending sounds in VC or CVC words more confidently
- Reading adjacent consonant
- Reading polysyllabic words
- Blending silently
- Reading by sighttricky words more confidently

- Recalling Phase 2 and 3 phonemes and the graphemes
- Knowing the phoneme that matches a graphemes(graph/ digraph, trigraph and split digraph)
- Writing graphemes(graph and digraph, trigraph and split digraph)
- Blending sounds in all polysyllabic words
- Reading by sight all tricky words learning so far
- Reading graphemes and knowing the alternative pronunciations they can make e.g. a as in angel (ai) and a as in watch(o)
- Applying knowledge of alternative pronunciations learnt so far to spelling.
- Reading graphemes and knowing the alternative spellings

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		 e.g. n can be made with kn as in knit or gn as in gnome. Applying knowledge of alternative pronunciations to spelling.

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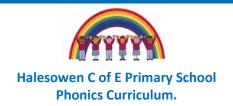
Grapheme / phoneme correspondence	 Recognise the letter that starts their name Recognise symbols e.g. M for McDonalds. 	 Remember what graphemes look like and associate them to the sounds they make. Look at graphemes and say the phonemes recalling them in the order they have been taught using pictures and actions Look at graphemes and say the phonemes even when they are not shown in the order taught using pictures and actions Begin to look at graphemes and say the phonemes even when picture clues are not used. 	 Remember what graphemes look like and associate them to the sounds they make. Look at graphemes and say the phonemes recalling them in the order they have been taught using pictures and actions Look at graphemes and say the phonemes even when they are not shown in the order taught using pictures and actions More confidently look at graphemes and say the phonemes even when picture clues are not used. 	 Recall more rapidly what graphemes look like and associate them to the sounds they make. Look at graphemes and say the phonemes even when they are not shown in the order taught using pictures and actions and also in the context of words. 	 Recall more rapidly what graphemes look like and associate them to the sounds they make. Look at graphemes and say the phonemes even when they are not shown in the order taught using pictures and actions and also in the context of words Read the graphemes that represent the alternative phonemes, pronunciations and spellings.
Blending	 Oral blending- e.g. teacher says can you fetch me a p-e-n. Children hear the sounds and make the word- they do not have to know the graphemes 	 Blend by reading single words or small phrases e.g. ch-i-p or a h-o-t ch-i p Begin to read whole sentences. Use sound buttons either written or 	Blend by reading whole sentences. Children should read phase 2 simple CVC words fluently but may need to blend phase 3.	Blend by reading whole sentences. Children should read phase 3 simple CVC words fluently but may need to blend phase 4 (CVCC or CCVC words)	Blend by reading whole sentences. Children should read phase 3 and 4 simple CVC words fluently but may need to blend phase 5

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	This can develop onto being used in sentences- so I would like some j-a-m in my sandwich.	finger in the air to help to blend.	Use sound buttons either written or finger in the air to help to blend for phase 3/4 words. Should be able to blend without sound buttons for phase 2 words.	Use sound buttons either written or finger in the air to help to blend for phase 3/4 words. Should be able to blend without sound buttons for phase 2 words.	 May use sound buttons for words with phase 5 sounds in them but should not need them for phase 2/3/4 Begin to Blend by reading longer passages without needing to blend each word.
Segmenting	Oral segmenting — once you have modelled oral blending you can model oral segmenting. So if they can blend orally- so if the child can hear the word dog- when you say d-o-g they could begin to ask children what sounds they can hear e.g. can you hear the sound at the start of the word.	Segment words by listening to the sounds the word makes when we say it out loud so they can they hear the initial, middle and final sounds and match those to a grapheme. So if they wanted to write the word cat they could say it out loud c-a-t and write the sounds they hear	Segment words by listening to the sounds the word makes when we say it out loud so they can they hear the initial, middle and final sounds and match those to a grapheme. So if they wanted to write the word cat they could say it out loud light and write the sounds they hear l-igh-t. This is where they need to know what grapheme represent sounds e.g. with the trigraph igh.	Be confident in segmenting words by listening to the sounds the word makes when we say it out loud. This is where they need to know what grapheme represent sounds e.g. with the digraph/trigraph •	Segment words by using the technique of asking the question so e.g. if children need to write the word play- they should write p-l and then as is is t ai as in rain, ay as in spray or a-e as in cake.

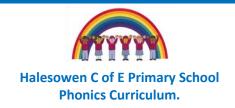
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Lesson Format

 Recapping on all the phonemes covered so far using the flashcards.
 When looking at the pictures on flashcards- do the actions and also say as in e.g. s as in snake, a as in ant etc
 Sometimes sharing the flashcards without the picture to ensure they are not always over reliant on the picture
Rehearse them in reading and writing. (e.g. read or write phonemes or CVC words. Could do quick write of sounds or
words.
 Learn something new – a new phoneme, the action, sound it makes, the letter formation and where it is on the sound mat
Read some words(blend) including the new phoneme including some real and some alien words(the word the alien
uses is there word to say hello/ greetings). Use sound buttons to help with blending- can be written or in the air.
discs is there word to say helio, greetings, to see sound buttons to help with blending can be written or in the air.
Write some words with the new phoneme in it. Sound it out- segment before writing.
 This can also be done by "typing" (touching the correct sounds on the sound mat.
If there are alternative phonemes or pronunciations –the teacher to talk about which one we might choose for certain
words e.g. is it- ai as in rain, ay as in spray or a-e as it cake.
Once children are used to this- they should begin "asking the question" to work out which grapheme it is for the
phoneme.
Teach the children 1 or 2 tricky words(could link to sound taught so the reason it is tricky can be explained. E.g. if you
have been doing ee or ea- could so me, he, she etc.
Read a sentences/ phrase
Write a word/ phrase
Make a word with magnetic letters
Find digraphs/ trigraphs in words.
Match words with alternative phonemes.

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Phonics Vocabulary overview

Children need to start to learn what this terminology means as it helps them. For example: if a child was trying to read the word ship but started by saying s-h-i-p we could help by saying can you spot a digraph.

Term	Definition				
Phoneme	The sound a letter or group of letters make (what you hear)				
Grapheme	The physical representation of a phoneme, the letter or group of letters written down (what you see)				
Graph	When one letter makes a sound e.g. f in fat				
Digraph	When two letters are together and make a sound eg. Sh in ship				
Trigraph	When three letters are together and make a sounds e.g. igh in light				
Split digraph	This is two graphemes making one phoneme but they have been spilt by another letter e.g ride- the i-e is a digraph split by the d				
VC, CVC and CVCC	C stands for consonant and V for vowel. A VC word has a vowel and consonant so for example "in", a CVC word has consonant, vowel, consonant so dog or cheep (as the ch is a consonant digraph and ee a vowel digraph an p a consonant A CVCC word would be a word such as dust.				
Blend	This is the skill we use to read words and means we are putting phonemes together again to make a whole word, If we break a word down into phonemes e.g. b-ar-k we need to blend them back together again to read the word as "bark"				

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Sound buttons	These a "buttons" we put on to help us decode words. For example, a graph has a sound button of a dot. A digraph or trigraph has a line. A split digraph is joined by a loop. These can be written or fingers can draw them in the air. So the sound buttons on the word athlete would look like this: a th lete
Segment	This is the skill we use to write and means we are breaking a whole word down into phoneme to help us spell it e.g. train- t-r-ai-n.
Decode	This relates to the skill we need to read. When a child is learning to read they nee to be able to look at word, break the graphemes down into phonemes and then blend them together to read the word. This process is called decoding.
Tricky words/ common exception words	They are words that appear frequently but go against the rule children have been taught at that stage. For example, the word- "the". The children will have been taught t as in tap, h as in hat and e as in elephant – but they cannot use this to decode the word. This is a tricky or exception word as it does not work with phonics. Instead they need to look at it and learn it by sight without decoding. Phase 2 to 5 have tricky words to learn and year 1 and 2 national curriculum has a list of common exception words.
Ascenders	Tall letters/ graphemes like h,b,l,d
Descenders	Letters / graphemes that go below the line.

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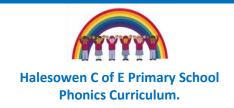


Curriculum Content

All curriculum content is saved with the phonics scheme folder. This includes:

- Sound mats with pictures
- Sound mats with only letters (no pictures)
- Various power points
- Flashcards
- Actions video (to support staff to know how to say the sounds and also the actions we use)

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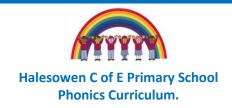


Appendix 1- Phase 1 content (Taken from "Quality Phonics" by Natasha Tuite)

Phase 1 lays the foundation for all reading, writing, speaking and listening. It is crucial before, during and after phonics teaching.

Phase one Aspect	Skills they link to further along in their Learning Journey		
Aspect 1-3 Sound discrimination-	Listening skills		
environmental, instrumental and body	 Hearing and responding to what is heard 		
sounds	Intent listening - to interpret, understand and reply		
Aspect 4 Rhythm and rhyme	 Words- hearing rhymes and continuing rhyming strings 		
	• Syllables		
	Onset and rime		
	Spelling patterns		
Aspect 5 Alliteration	Initial sounds		
-	Alternative spelling choices		
Aspect 6 Voice sounds	Pronunciation		
-	Clear speech		
	Oral muscles		
	Expression		
	Intonation		
Aspect 7 Oral Blending	Blending to read VC and CVC words		
	Blending to read CVCC and CCVC words		
	Blending to read polysyllabic words		

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Appendix 2- Progression document

TERM	RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
AUTUMN	Phase 1 throughout	Revise phase 2, 3, 4	Revision of phase 5 a and b	For those who have not
	Phase 2	Phase 5a	Phase 5c	passed the phonics check – intervention will be in place to help them catch up
SPRING	Phase 1 throughout		Reading focus- common	
		Phase 5a	exception words, phonics	
	Phase 3		learnt so far- application to	
			reading books/ texts	
SUMMER	Phase 1 throughout		Spelling focus- common	
		Phase 5b	exception words, phonics	
	Phase 3 and phase 4	(phonics screening check)	learnt so far	
	consolidation			

This is the planned progression. If children work more slowly they may need additional intervention. If they work more quickly and are secure in their grapheme/ phoneme representation and applying it to reading confidently they can be moved on.

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