**Phonics Progression at Maple Infants’ School**

**Nursery to Year** **2**

**Phonics Intent**

At Maple Infants’ School we believe that phonics provides the foundations of learning to make the development into fluent reading and writing accessible for all pupils. Through high quality daily phonics teaching children participate in speaking, listening and spelling activities that are matched to their developing needs. Through phonics children learn to sound out and blend words for reading as well as segment words to support spelling and early writing. Our aim is for every child to learn to read as well as being able to read to learn. Children leaving Maple will identify themselves as readers who know their phonic sounds, tricky words and are confident to attempt to read unfamiliar words using the skills they have developed during their time in our infant school.

**Nursery**

Foundations for Phonics contributes to the provision for ‘Communication and language’ and ‘Literacy’ (DfE, 2020) in Nursery. It sits alongside a stimulating language-rich provision. Foundations for Phonics sets out the provision that should be in place to ensure children are well prepared to begin grapheme–phoneme correspondence and blending at the start of Reception. The provision should include a balance of child-led and adult-led experiences. The most important aspects of Foundations for Phonics to develop in the nursery are:

• sharing high-quality stories and poems with children

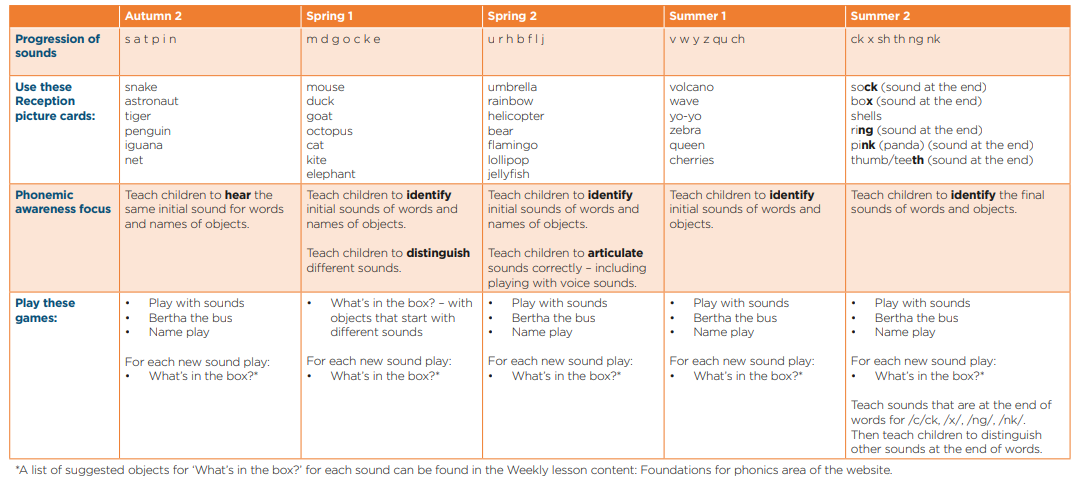
• learning a range of nursery rhymes and action rhymes

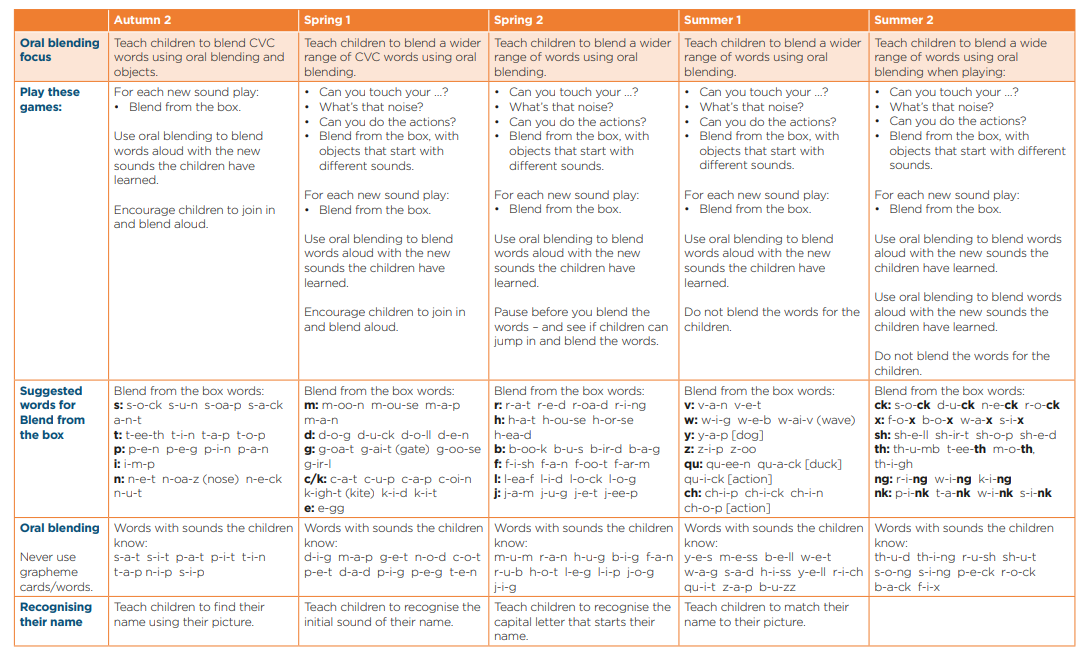
• activities that develop focused listening and attention, including oral blending and tuning into sounds

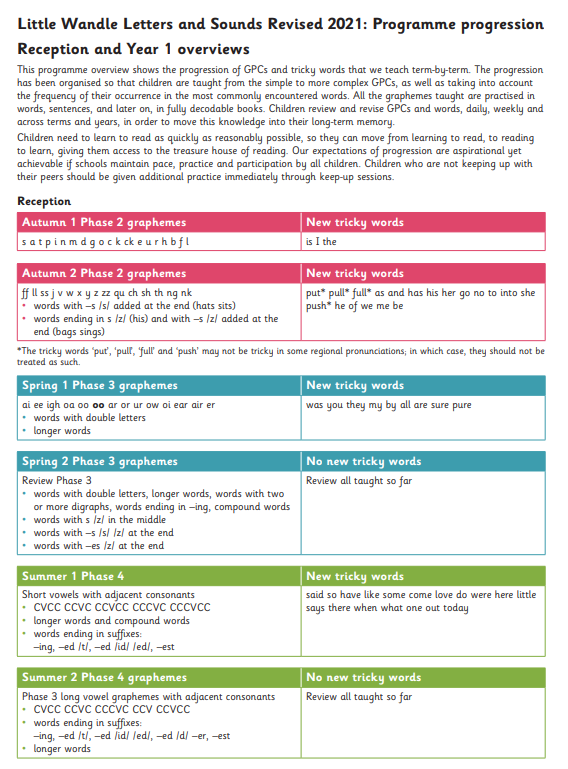
• attention to high-quality language with children

Little Wandle ‘Foundations for Phonics’ progresses through skills and the first initial sounds termly and supports Nursery children in developing their phonological awareness.

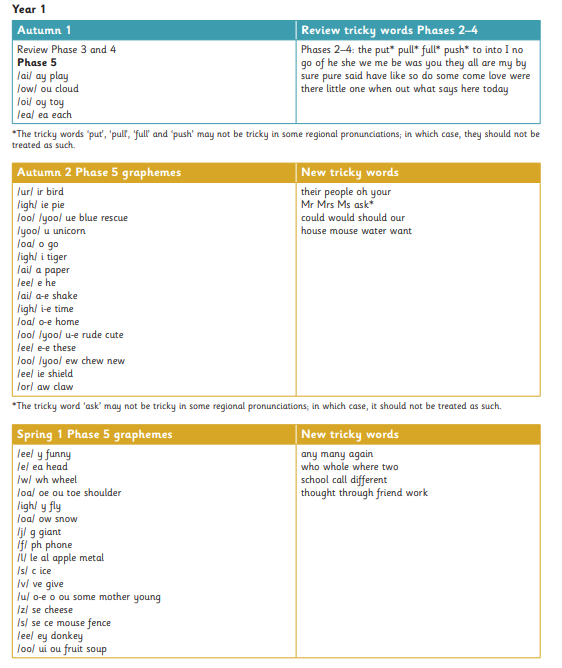
In Autumn 1 Nursery will begin to investigate sounds completing activities such as sound walks and sound games.

As children in Nursery begin Autumn 2 the phonics progression is outlined as follows: 

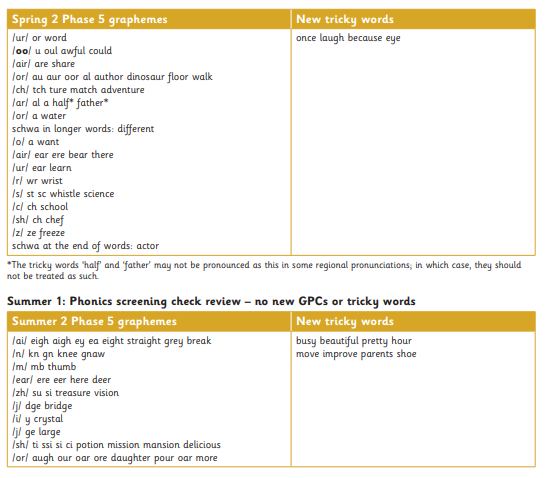














**Year 2**

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| **Autumn 1** |
| **Alternative spellings/graphemes**  ai, a-e, ay, a, eigh  i, ee, ea, y, e-e, ie (field)  -e, igh, y, ie , i (find)  ow, o-e, oa, o (cold)  ue, oo, ew, u-e  air, are, ear  **Recap of Year 1 common exception words**  **Weekly spellings focus – Year 2 common exception words** |

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| **Autumn 2** |
| **Sounds:**  ure, or, aw, ore, au  ir, ur, er, ear (pearl)  ou, ow  oy, oi  ge/dge  */s/* sound, c before e, i and y (race, fancy etc)  **Weekly spellings focus – Year 2 common exception words** |

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| **Spring 1** |
| Adding –ed suffix  Adding –ing to verbs  Dropping the –e at the end of the root word before –ing (e.g. hoping)  y is not changed to I before –ing (avoiding ii, apart from skiing and taxiing)  Adding –er to adjectives (e.g. bigger and reader)  Changing y to i before -er (e.g. happier)  Dropping the –e at the end of the root word for –er (e.g. hiker, nicer)  Doubling the last consonant letter of the root word (e.g. sadder, runner). Teaching the exception, letter x e.g. boxer  Adding -est to adjectives e.g. slowest  Changing the y to i before est e.g. happiest  The –e at the end of the root word is dropped before –est e.g. nicest  Last consonant letter of the root word is doubled to keep short vowel (e.g. biggest, saddest)  Revision of plurals adding –s and –es to nouns and verbs (e.g. cats, bushes) including words ending with –f, -x, -ch, -sh, -th, -ss, -s and –e  Adding ly to adjectives to form adverbs (e.g. sadly, happily)  **Weekly spellings focus – Year 2 common exception words** |



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| **Spring 2** |
| Adding suffixes -ly , -ful, -less, -ness, -ment  Contractions- shortening words  Apostrophes – possession    **Weekly spellings focus – Recap Year 2 common exception words** |
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| **Summer 1** |
| Alternative graphemes /n/, /r/ e.g. knowledge, gnome, written  Alternative graphemes /ch/, /j/ e.g. catch, giraffe, hedge  Alternative graphemes /sh/ e.g. chef, station, tissue, suspicious, confusion  Alternative graphemes /ear/, /ere/ and /eer/ e.g. beard, sphere, deer  Alternative graphemes /air/, /are/ and /ear/ e.g. chair, pear, stare  Revisit /ure/  **Weekly spellings focus – Recap Year 2 common exception words** |

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| **Summer 2** |
| **Spelling rules**  Contractions: can’t, didn’t, hasn’t, couldn’t, it’s, I’ll  Apostrophe -‘s (e.g. Megan’s, the man’s)  Grammar rules    here/their/they’re  quite/quiet, see/sea, bare/bear, one/won, sun/son, to/too/two, be/bee, blue/blew, night/knight  table, apple, bottle, little, middle, camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel, towel, tinsel, metal, pedal, capital, hospital, animal, pencil, fossil, nostril  enjoyment, sadness, playful, hopeless, plainness, badly, merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily  Or/aw/ore/au –  Spelling rules  Short, storm, torch, sore, lawn, paws, draw, saw, shore, more, score, wore, sauce, pause, launch, cause  tion  station, fiction, motion, national, section  **Weekly spellings focus – Recap Year 2 common exception words** |

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| **Phonics Screening** |
| In the Summer term of Year 1 children participate in a statutory assessment, the phonics screening check. Children are asked to read 20 real and 20 pseudo words to assess their ability to use their phonic knowledge to decode new or unfamiliar words.  Children who do not meet the phonics screening check in Year 1 receive additional, targeted support in Year 2 and they have the opportunity to retake the screening in the Summer term of Year 2. |