

What is phonics?

Phonics is knowing the 44 sounds that the letters of the alphabet make and using those sounds to sound out a word to read or spell. Blending the sounds to read a word or breaking up a word into its sounds to spell.

Blending for reading



Read the word cat and sound out c-a-t =cat

Segmenting for spelling



Spell cat write c-a-t =cat

We teach phonics every day in the Meerkats and Bees classes. In the Meerkats class phonics sometimes looks like this



We make phonics fun!

The order the sounds are taught are as follows Phase 2

Set 1; s, a, t, p, i, n

Set 2: l, n, m, d

Set 3: g, o, c, k

Set 4; ck, e, u, r

Set 5; h, b, f, ff, ll, ss

Phase 3

Set 6: j, v, w, x,

Set 7: y, z, zz, qu

Then: ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear,
air, ure, er

