

Dear parents/carers of children in Year 1,

In phonics this term your child will begin to learn Phase 5, these are the last set of graphemes.

In Phase 5 your child will learn:

- new graphemes for the sounds they already know
- that the same grapheme can have alternative pronunciations.

The 'Grow the code' lessons will support your child with reading and spelling these alternative spellings.

For further information and support please visit –

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Here you will find short videos to support the documents I have included in this pack.

## How can you support your child at home?

You can have lots of fun playing phonic games with your child. Below are some possible games you could play at home:

- **Bingo** - reading and spelling words on a bingo board. Your child could read or spell different words and win bingo if they can read or spell words correctly.
- **Word hunt** - finding words and keywords hidden around your home.
- **Phonics scavenger hunts** – cut out tricky words and words containing the digraphs being taught from old magazines. Maybe you could make a collage of these.
- **Matching pairs** - find and read matching words. Word cards could be hidden for your child to find.
- **Snap** – make a set of cards for the sounds or words your child is currently learning.
- **Silly voices** - say sounds in a high, low, happy or grumpy voice.
- **Skip to it!** - run, jump, hop or skip to a certain word.
- **I spy** – this could be played when you are out on a walk or during a car journey.
- **Fishing for phonics** - 'fish' for words written on ping pong balls. The balls could be in the bath or hidden in the house. Your child could use a net to try and catch the balls.
- **Sing an alphabet song** - have lots of fun learning an alphabet song. Then point to a letter and ask your child to tell you its letter name and sound.

Many thanks in advance for your continued support.

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