

# Phonics in Nursery

The Monster Phonics 'Foundations in Phonics' programme is taught in Nursery. The 'Foundation in Phonics' programme provides planning and resources to deliver Phase 1 phonics teaching and learning to preschool children.

Phase 1 phonics lays the foundations for phonics teaching and learning in Early Years and beyond by targeting and developing both phonological and phonemic awareness. The emphasis during Phase 1 is to get children attuned to the sounds around them and ready to begin developing oral blending and segmenting skills.

## Phase 1 is organised into seven different aspects:

- Aspect 1: General Sound Discrimination – Environmental Sounds
- Aspect 2: General Sound Discrimination – Instrumental Sounds
- Aspect 3: General Sound Discrimination – Body Percussion
- Aspect 4: Rhythm and Rhyme
- Aspect 5: Alliteration
- Aspect 6: Voice Sounds
- Aspect 7: Oral Blending and Segmenting

Children will experience regular, planned opportunities to listen carefully and talk extensively about what they hear, see and do. Each aspect is divided into three strands.

- Tuning into sounds (auditory discrimination)
- Listening and remembering sounds (auditory memory and sequencing)
- Talking about sounds (developing vocabulary and language comprehension).

Each of the first six aspects will be dipped into throughout the year rather than teaching the aspects in order. Aspect 7 can be taught once children have had opportunity to develop their sound discrimination skills.

**Musical Instruments**  
What sound does a triangle make?

**Instrumental Sounds**

**Body Percussion**

**Musical Movements**  
Clap your hands and stomp your feet.

**Environmental Sounds**  
What sound can you hear?

**Rhythm & Rhyme**  
a pig in a ...  
What rhymes with pig?

**Voice Sounds**  
beep, beep  
whoosh, whoosh  
Can you make a whoosh sound?

**Oral Blending & Segmenting**  
Show me the p-e-n.

**Tongue Twisters**  
Cool blue covers crunchy corn in cool ketchup.  
Tongue twisters

**Alliteration**

