







## What is phonics?



# The Systematic Synthetic Phonics Teaching Principles (SSPTP)

Knowledge of the Alphabetic Code

Skill of blending for reading

**Skill of segmenting for spelling** 

**Skill of handwriting** 



# What is the English Alphabetic Code?

The relationship between the sounds of speech and the letters we use to communicate those sounds through writing.

44 sounds (phonemes) and over 150 ways to represent them (graphemes)

It sounds like a lot, but it can be taught in a systematic way and it's more efficient than learning tens of thousands of words individually.



#### 5. Apply and 10 0 consolidate

using additional Rocket Phonics reading practice books.

#### 1. Review 🗇 👌 and revisit

previously taught sounds using colourful flashcards.

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#### 2. Teach 🔞

using online Teaching Storybooks (Big Books) to present new letter-sound correspondences within the context of stories.

#### 4. Apply 🗊 🖯

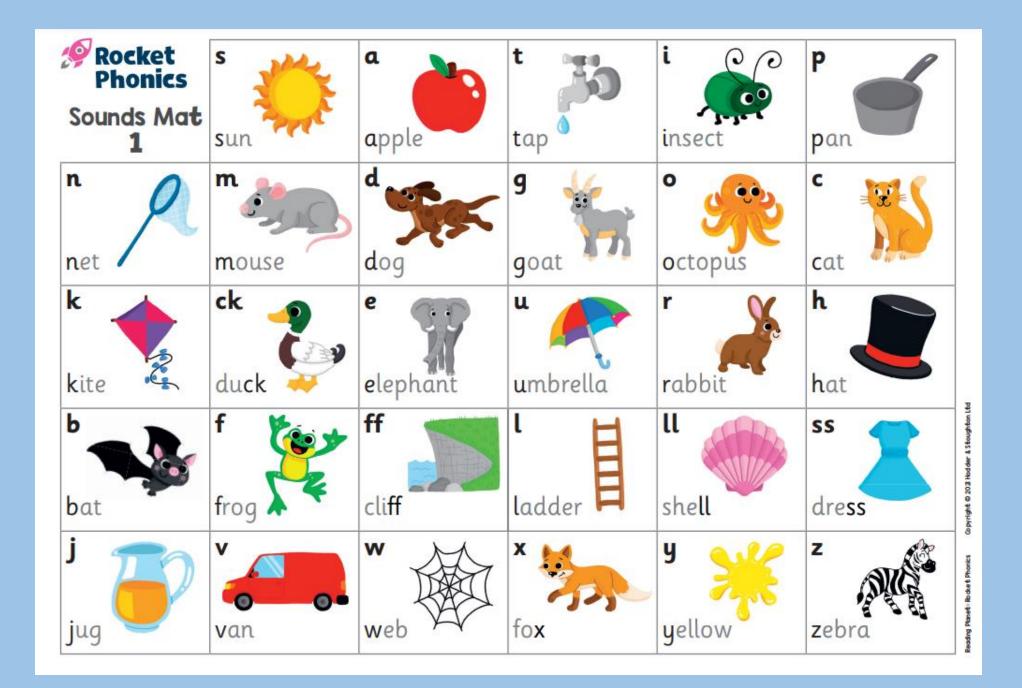
knowledge and skills through fully-decodable Target Practice Readers.

= Available in print format

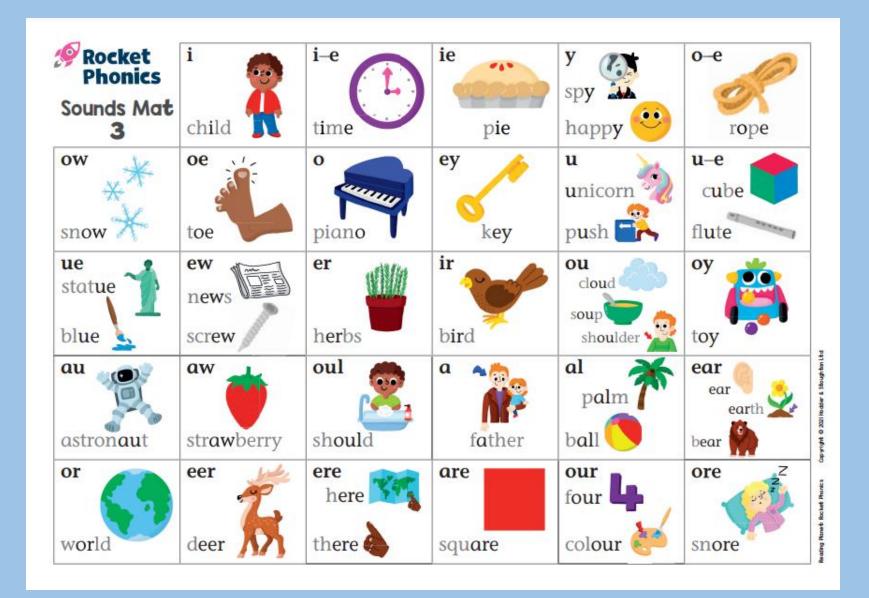
Available in digital format via the Rocket Phonics Online 1-year subscription 3. Practise reading and writing skills daily using write-in Pupil Practice Booklets.

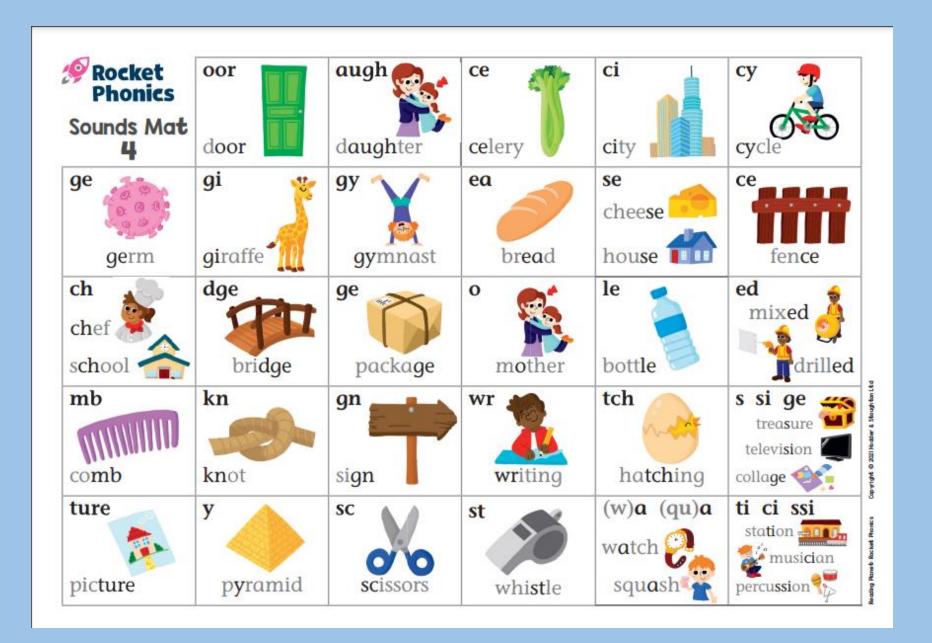
### A typical week:

- MONDAY: Introduce new letter-sound. Blending for reading.
- TUESDAY: Revise new letter-sound. Segmenting for writing.
- WEDNESDAY: Introduce new letter-sound. Blending for reading.
- THURSDAY: Revise new letter-sound. Segmenting for writing.
- FRIDAY: Flexible day. A focus on common exception words is recommended









Lilac Level 0	These books are wordless and are fully illustrated to prepare children for reading.
Pink A Level 1A	Learners start to apply their early word reading skills to read simple sentences. There is a single sentence on every left-hand page. Content at these early levels is very much based around familiar experiences.
Pink B Level 1B	Similar to Pink A, but with one sentence on every page.
Red A Level 2A	Learners are developing their confidence to tackle slightly longer sentences. These books have 1–2 one-line sentences per page.
Red B Level 2B	As for Red A, but sentences can be longer than one line.
Yellow Level 3	Sentences are slightly more complex with more developed storylines and non-fiction texts.
Blue Level 4	The quantity of text gradually increases to approximately six lines per page. Books may include some abstract terms and non-fiction will include some sub-headings.

Green Level 5	Stories are less reliant on familiar experiences and include more sophisticated humour and suspense. There are a larger number of characters, and events sometimes continue over several pages.
Orange Level 6	The meaning of text is still straightforward, but readers should be able to understand without needing literal explanations.
Turquoise Level 7	Books include longer descriptions and feature a wider range of punctuation and unusual vocabulary.
Purple Level 8	Readers may be able to pick up themes and books may have short chapters. There are more opportunities for readers to ask and answer questions about characters.
Gold Level 9	Books contain challenging sentence structures, with more unknown words per page. Characters are more distinct and rounded.
White Level 10	Readers may be surprised or have their expectations challenged. There may be more than one point of view presented and information is suggested rather than spelled out.





- Full range of Reading Planet books in a digital format which can be accessed from home.
- Audio recording synchronised to the text.
- Checkpoint and end of book quizzes to check comprehension skills.



You will receive a username and password for your child in the next few days.

### Weekly reading at school and at home. Target Practice Readers

- Used in school for whole class and group reading sessions
- Match the exact learning your child has done in school that week
- Will be made available as an ebook to read at home
- Is NOT matched directly to the reading level of your child



Weekly reading at school and at home. Additional Practice Readers

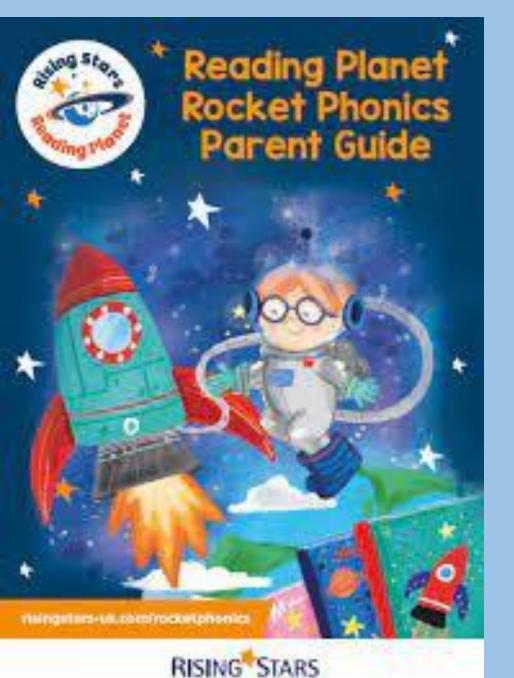
- Used at home to consolidate reading skills taught in school
- Fully decodable books matched to the individual level of the child
- Mixture of physical copies and digital books





# Why one book per week?

- Build confidence and fluency
- Before and after reading activities
- Develop comprehension skills
- Encourage wider reading through library books



# Useful links:

• Find the parent guide on our school website

• Youtube videos

