

- **Examples of activities:**

- Mark making of letters In own name :Condensation

On the window, mud, dirt, soap, shaving foam, baby lotion, flour, salt.

- Silly Soup

- Kims game—collect 5 items that begins with the same letter sounds e.g Sandwiches, Sand, Scarf etc. Cover the items with a blanket/ cover. Take one away and guess which one is missing.

- Syllabus- clapping a syllabus of a child's name .

- Modelling breaking up the sounds of every day objects e.g zzzzzzzzip .

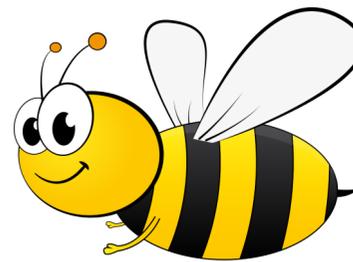
- Eye spy with letter sounds.

- Listening walks- what can you hear on your visit to the woods, park, tain, shops etc

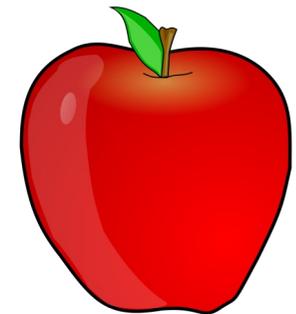
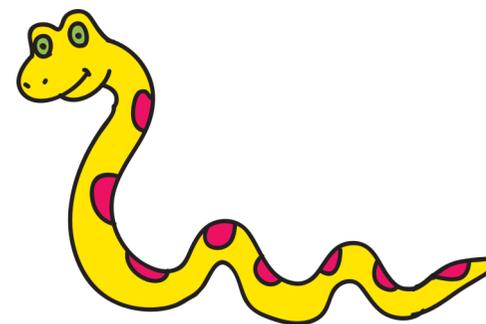
- Making a shopping list of foods that begin with the same sound e.g. bread, beans, butter, bacon, burgers, buns

- Making up songs about everyday things e.g. Brushing your teeth, putting on your coat

- Collecting items of same sounds e.g. natural materials, toys.



Phonics



'Research shows that phonics can boost children's reading age by average of 28 months by the time they turn 7'

What is phonics?

- Teaching your child the letter sounds to segment (spell) and blend (read) words.
- The English language is very tricky . Don't worry if it does not make sense. Don't be afraid to talk about the English Language with your child.
- Do you struggle to teach your child the difference between letter sounds and name? - Show your child a picture of a dog, What is it called? (dog) . What sound does it make ?(woof) . Show a child a letter D. what is it called (Say the letter name D) . What sound does it make ? (dddddddd).

- **Letters and Sounds**
- **There are 6 different phases of phonics** (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/190599/Letters_and_Sounds_-_DFES-00281-2007.pdf).

- **Importance of Phase one :**

It is important that children learn their listening skills as well as their letters/sounds.

Books: Going on a Bear Hunt, Room on the Broom Gruffalo, Gingerbread Man etc.

Links to websites:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

<http://jollylearning.co.uk/>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/>