

Supporting Reading and Phonics at Home

Why Reading and Phonics Are Important:

- Phonics helps children *sound out* words.
- Reading builds vocabulary, confidence, and imagination.
- Reading together strengthens your bond with your child.

What Is Phonics?

- **Phonics** = learning letter **sounds** (not just names).
- Children blend sounds to read words.

Example:

- c-a-t → **cat**
- sh-o-p → **shop**

Tips for Reading at Home:

- Choose books with pictures and simple words
- Let your child *guess, repeat, or finish sentences*
- Point to each word as you read
- Praise effort, not just correctness
- Keep reading fun and stress-free!

Fun Phonics Games to Try:

- **I Spy** with sounds: “I spy with my little eye something beginning with /m/.”
- **Sound Hunt**: Find objects at home starting with a sound (e.g., /b/ for ball, bag, book)
- **Blending Game**: Say “d-o-g” slowly. Can your child say the word?

Daily Routine Tip:

Just **10–15 minutes a day** makes a big difference!

Phonics Sound Chart (Alphabet with Sounds)

A /a/ a as in apple

T /t/ t as in top

B /b/ b as in ball

U /u/ u as in umbrella

C /k/ c as in cat

V /v/ v as in van

D /d/ d as in dog

W /w/ w as in web

E /e/ e as in egg

X /ks/ x as in box

F /f/ f as in fish

Y /y/ y as in yellow

G /g/ g as in goat

Z /z/ z as in zebra

H /h/ h as in hat

I /i/ i as in insect

J /j/ j as in jam

K /k/ k as in kite

L /l/ l as in lamp

M /m/ m as in man

N /n/ n as in net

O /o/ o as in orange

P /p/ p as in pen

Q /kw/q as in queen

R /r/ r as in rabbit

S /s/ s as in sun