



We know that children learn best when parents and teachers follow the same methods. Working in the same way is vital for reinforcing learning. So here is some information to help you use the Monster Phonics approach which your child is following at school.

What is Monster Phonics?

The 26 letters of the alphabet and combinations of these letters make 44 speech sounds in English. The 44 sounds (phonemes) are spelt by 144 different letter combinations (graphemes). For example, the sound A is spelt several different ways, including ay (play) and ai (train).

Traditional ways of learning to spell can be time-consuming and for some children they are ineffective. Monster Phonics teaches children to read by enabling them to identify the individual graphemes (letter combinations) and blend the sounds (phonemes) together to read the word.

To support this process, Monster Phonics uses the 10 monsters to categorise all sounds into 10 simple areas. Furthermore, each monster has a different colour and that colour represents that way of spelling the sound.

To find out more about how Monster Phonics works, visit <https://monsterphonics.com/how-it-works/>

Why does it improve learning?

The child learns through the assignment of colour and the linkage of the sound, as well as seeing the colour, creating more ways of remembering the spelling.

Your child's teacher will be using games, songs and activities that continuously reflect this way of learning, so that structure is constantly seen, heard and experienced by your child. This consistency is critical in ensuring that a complicated language is learnt in the most simplistic way. Therefore, it would be great if you use Monster Phonics whenever you are helping your child with phonics at home.

Monster Phonics makes learning fun and more memorable. Rather than relying on rote learning, Monster Phonics uses colour-coding to promote understanding, which leads to children becoming confident, independent learners. Confidence builds their passion for school and for life.

The Monster Phonics Reading Scheme

The Monster Phonics Reading Scheme is divided into 10 stages.

Reception books support the teaching of initial sounds and digraphs to help the fundamental stages of reading. The familiar characters and fun stories engage children in reading. Each Reception book has an optional section for an adult to read at the bottom of each page. This text is not critical for the understanding of the story but adds further detail to help bring the story to life.

The phonics focus words and high-frequency word practice boxes at the start of each book along with the questions at the end of each story help aid children's development and comprehension skills in years 1 and 2.

Meet the Monsters...

Long A sound



Long oo sound



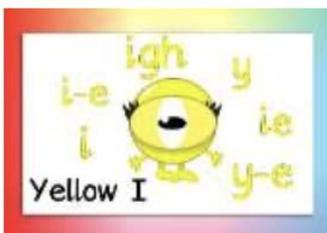
Long E sound



Long ow sound



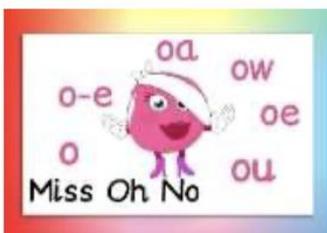
Long I sound



Silent Letters that have no sound



Long O sound



Tricky Letters that make a different sound



Long U sound



Black Cats – phonetic letters



Further free resources:

- Attend one of the Monster Phonics [Parent Webinars](#)
- Watch a Monster Phonics [Story Time](#) and find even more of these on YouTube.
- Contact info@monsterphonics.com if you have any questions