

Bug Club Phonics Programme Structure

Early Years - Reception

Phase 2 sounds are taught in the following order.

Phase 2 units	Sounds taught	Tricky Words
Units 1 and 2	s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d	n/a
Unit 3	g, o, c, k	to
Unit 4	ck, e, u, r	the, no, go
Unit 5	h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss	I, into, her

The children are then taught phase 3 sounds.

Phase 3 units	Sounds taught	Tricky Words
Unit 6	j, v, w, x	me, be
Unit 7	y, z, zz, qu	he, my, by, she
Unit 8	ch, sh, th, ng	they
Unit 9	ai, ee, igh, oa, oo (long), oo (short)	we, are
Unit 10	ar, or, ur, ow, oi	you
Unit 11	ear, air, ure, er	all, was, give, live

When the children are confident in phase 2 and 3 sounds they progress to phase 4.

Phase 4 units	Sounds taught	Tricky Words
Unit 12	Adjacent consonants consolidation (cvcc, ccvc, ccvcc, ccvccc, ccvccc)	said, have, like, so, do, some, come, were, there, little, one, when, out, what

Year 1

At the beginning of Year 1, the children consolidate their learning from the end of Early Years by revisiting the phase 4 sequence before progressing to phase 5 where they learn a

set of new graphemes, alternative pronunciations for graphemes already known and alternative spellings for phonemes.

Phase 5 units	Sounds taught	Tricky Words
Unit 13	wh, ph	oh, their, people
Unit 14	Long a: ay, a-e, eigh, ey, ei	Mr, Mrs, Ms
Unit 15	Long e: ea, e-e, ie, ey, ei	looked, called, asked
Unit 16	Long i: ie, i-e, y, i	water, where
Unit 17	Long o: ow, oe, o/oe	who, again
Unit 18	Long u: ew, ue, u-e; short oo: u, oul	thought, through
Unit 19	aw, au, al	work, laughed, because
Unit 20	ir, er, ear	Thursday, Saturday, thirteen, thirty
Unit 21	ou, oy	different, any, many
Unit 22	ere, eer, are, ear	eyes, friends
Unit 23	c, k, ck, ch	two, once
Unit 24	ce/ci/cy, sc/si/sce	great, clothes
Unit 25	dge, ge/gi/gy	it's, I'm, I'll, I've
Unit 26	le, mb, kn/gn, wr	don't, can't, didn't
Unit 27	tch, sh, ea, zh, (w)a	first, second, third

Year 2

In Year 2, daily phonics lessons follow the phase 6 sequence of Bug Club Phonics focusing on suffix and prefix morphemes and spelling/grammar application.

Phase 6 units	Focus	Tricky Words
Unit 28	Suffix morphemes: ing, ed	clearing, gleaming, rained, mailed
Unit 29	Plural morphemes: s, es	men, mice, feet, teeth, sheep

Unit 30

Prefix morphemes: re, un;
prefix + root + suffix

vowel consonant, suffix
syllable