Bug Club Phonics Programme Structure

Early Years - Reception

Phase 2 sounds are taught in the following order.

Phase 2 units (Bug Club sequence)	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 (Bug Club sequence)	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 (Bug Club sequence)	Sounds taught	Tricky Words
Unit 12	Adjacent consonants consolidation (cvcc, ccvc, ccvcc, cccvc, cccvcc)	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 where they also have the opportunity to apply their previously learnt phase 2 and 3 knowledge. Children then progress to phase 5 where they learn a set of new graphemes, alternative pronunciations for graphemes already known and alternative spellings for phonemes. At the end of year one, the children sit their Phonics Screening Test in the summer term.

Phase 5 units (Bug Club sequence)	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/stl/se	great, clothes
Unit 25	ge/gi/gy, dge	It's, I'm I'll, I've
Unit 26	Le, mb, kn/gn, wr	don't, cant, didn't
Unit 27	tch, sh, ea, zh, (w)a, o	first, second third

Year 2

In year 2, daily phonics lessons follow the phase 6 sequence of Bub Club Phonics looking at suffix morphemes, plural morphemes and prefix morphemes. Spelling, grammar and punctuation lessons continue throughout the year in addition to daily literacy lessons. Children who need to take their Phonics Screening Test again at the end of year 2 will do so in the summer term. Extra interventions will be put in place to help these children to 'catch up'.

Phase 6 units (Bug Club sequence)	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 prefix suffix syllable