

## Optional Phonics Homework over Easter

Dear Parents,

As we approach the Easter holiday, I would like to take this opportunity to share some optional phonics homework that can support your children in their phonics development during this break. Engaging with phonics at home can reinforce the skills they have been learning in school and make the learning process enjoyable.

The optional phonics homework consists of a variety of activities designed to be both fun and educational. These activities include phonics games, reading exercises, and simple writing tasks that can be completed at your convenience.

We understand that the holiday is a time for relaxation and family, so participation in this homework is entirely voluntary. However, we encourage you to consider incorporating some of these activities into your holiday plans, as they can provide valuable practice in a relaxed setting.

Please bring in any work your child has completed over the Easter holidays and we share and celebrate this with the class.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gray

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## Phonics Games and Activities

### Active and Physical Phonics Games

- Splat the Sound: Spread grapheme flashcards on the floor. Call out a sound and have the child 'splat' it with a fly swat.
- Phonics Twister: Create a floor game where children stretch hands and feet to specific graphemes or words.
- Active Word Writing: Use chalk or whiteboards on windows/patios to practice writing sounds or words within a time limit.
- Hopscotch Phonics: Draw a hopscotch grid with sounds or words in each box to read while jumping.

### Reading and Blending Games

- Buried Treasure: A digital or physical game where children sort real words from fake 'alien' words to practice decoding.
- Matching Pairs/Snap: Turn over cards to find matching graphemes or words.
- Flashcards Speed Trials: Time how quickly children can recognize sounds on flashcards to build fluency.
- Mirror Phonics: Write words backwards and use a mirror to read them correctly.











### Spelling and Segmentation Activities

- Robot Talk: Adults use "robot voice" to separate sounds in words (segmenting) for children to blend back together.
- Phonics Pegs: Use pegs labeled with letters to build words, or fill in missing letters.
- Sound Hunts: Hide sounds around the room and have children find them and blend them to make a word.

### Online Games (e.g., PhonicsPlay, BBC Bitesize)

- Rocket Rescue: Practices segmenting words.  
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/4/rocket-rescue>
- Tricky Word Trucks: Helps practice reading common exception words.  
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/5/tricky-word-trucks>
- Small Town Superheroes: Includes simple sound identification games.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zncgvk7>

## Speed Sounds Set 2

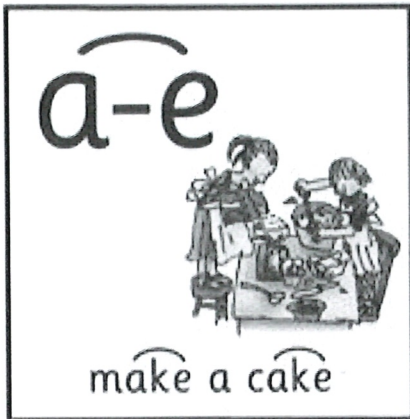
<p>ay</p>  <p>may I play?</p>	<p>ee</p>  <p>what can you see?</p>	<p>igh</p>  <p>fly high</p>	<p>ow</p>  <p>blow the snow</p>	<p>oo</p>  <p>poo at the zoo</p>
<p>oo</p>  <p>look at a book</p>	<p>ar</p>  <p>start the car</p>	<p>or</p>  <p>storms in the North</p>	<p>air</p>  <p>that's not fair</p>	<p>ir</p>  <p>whirl and twirl</p>

## Speed Sounds Set 3

<p>ea</p>  <p>cup of tea</p>	<p>oi</p>  <p>spoil the boy</p>	<p>ou</p>  <p>shout it out</p>	<p>oy</p>  <p>toy for a boy</p>	
<p>a-e</p>  <p>make a cake</p>	<p>i-e</p>  <p>nice smile</p>	<p>o-e</p>  <p>phone home</p>	<p>u-e</p>  <p>huge brute</p>	<p>aw</p>  <p>yawn at dawn</p>
<p>are</p>  <p>care and share</p>	<p>ur</p>  <p>nurse with a purse</p>	<p>er</p>  <p>a better letter</p>	<p>ow</p>  <p>brown cow</p>	<p>ai</p>  <p>snail in the rain</p>
<p>oa</p>  <p>goat in a boat</p>	<p>ew</p>  <p>chew the stew</p>	<p>ire</p>  <p>fire, fire!</p>	<p>ear</p>  <p>hear with your ear</p>	<p>ure</p>  <p>sure it's pure</p>







Take the time to introduce this sound to your child. Tell them the sound and encourage them to colour in the sound as they read the words.

Real Words



bake  
shake  
flake  
cake

Alien Words

 dake	 plake
 flade	 quade
 glate	 jate

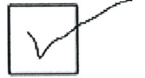


Read the words and draw an alien next to the nonsense words.



Key

Real Words



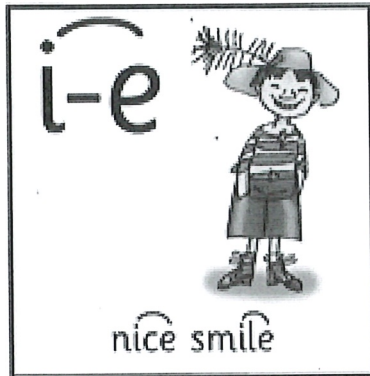
Nonsense Words



amaze	prate	gabe	lake
made	take	guade	snake
lafe	krabe	gaze	games
same	splame	race	flane
srake	sade	slabe	escape







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Real Words



spice  
slice  
nice  
like

Alien Words

 <p>chipe</p>	 <p>chine</p>
 <p>sprile</p>	 <p>vite</p>
 <p>shike</p>	 <p>flide</p>

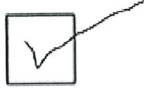


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Key

Real Words



Nonsense Words



drime	trife	white	libe
guibe	tide	fline	slide
pide	glide	bike	splibe
stride	gime	five	prize
bime	kite	inside	cime







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Real Words



bone  
alone  
home  
tone

Alien Words

 <p>voke</p>	 <p>shome</p>
 <p>plode</p>	 <p>chote</p>
 <p>sprole</p>	 <p>blone</p>



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Real Words



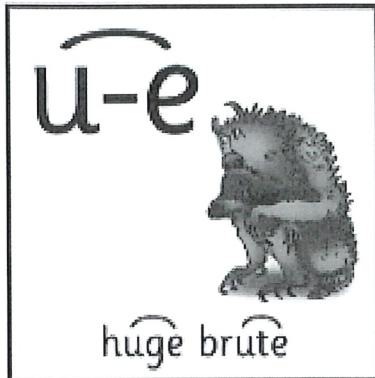
Nonsense Words



bone	stone	gome	pode
quobe	srone	alone	dome
cone	phone	slove	proke
trofe	splome	gnome	home
wrote	drome	zone	kroge







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Real Words



flute  
cube  
tube  
cute

Alien Words

 truke	 spuge
 pute	 trute
 vude	 wule



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Real Words



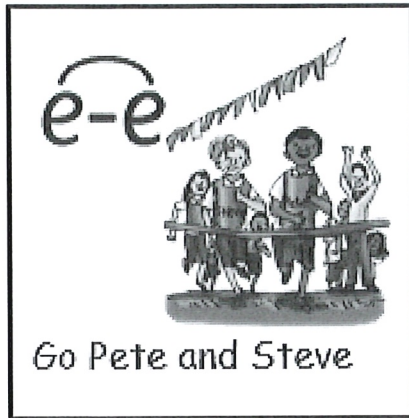
Nonsense Words



strume	drume	tube	splude
trute	cute	flume	blute
mule	flute	huge	chude
thrute	fuse	june	fute
aglume	cube	jume	plume







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Real Words



theme  
eve  
swede  
these

Alien Words

 <p>plete</p> <p><small>Picture Spelling Card Printer - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt</small></p>	 <p>fese</p> <p><small>Picture Spelling Card Printer - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt</small></p>
 <p>rese</p> <p><small>Picture Spelling Card Printer - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt</small></p>	 <p>feme</p> <p><small>Picture Spelling Card Printer - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt</small></p>
 <p>gede</p> <p><small>Picture Spelling Card Printer - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt</small></p>	 <p>flebe</p> <p><small>Picture Spelling Card Printer - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt</small></p>



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Key

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delete	these	pede	geme
flene	sleme	complete	swede
theme	vlede	evening	splete
flebe	kete	Pete	concrete
	extreme	drepe	

