

PHONICS

Unlocking to the Code

Phonics is the key to accurate word reading and spelling. Phonics helps children understand that the relationship between letters and sounds is like a code and once the code is learned, accurate reading and spelling begins to be unlocked!

What is Phonics?

Phonics involves teaching the link between letters or spelling patterns and their associated sounds to be able to read and spell accurately.

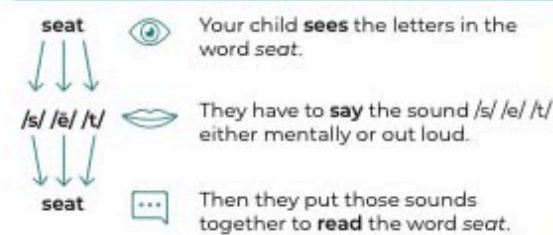
Why does Phonics matter?

Learning to read involves understanding how letters and spelling patterns represent sounds within words.

In order to read a word, a child must know the correct sounds associated with each letter or spelling pattern in the word, and in order to spell, a child must know the letter or spelling patterns associated with each sound in a word. Learning phonics allows a child to do both of these processes.

i Once a child learns that the letters **-ck** together say **/k/** like in **back**, they will be able to **read -ck** in any word they come across.

Reading/Decoding



Spelling/Encoding

