



Dear Parents

At Castle Camps we use an exciting, DFE accredited, phonics scheme called Monster Phonics, which is introduced in the Early Years and then used throughout the school.

In EYFS/ KS1 classes we teach daily phonics using the Monster Phonics scheme. The children will also take part in Guided Reading groups using the Monster Phonics reading scheme.

Reception children will be starting this later in the term. This guided reading book will then be allocated to your child at the end of the week using the Monster Phonics E-books which you should access online using the link and instructions further in in this letter. Please try to read the Monster Phonics online book with your child each week. This book will be familiar to them, as they will have read it in school, and by sharing it with you as well this will help them to further develop their own confidence as readers. The children will also bring home an additional physical book, which will be closely (but not exactly) matched to their phonic ability but which will be new to them, for additional practice.

The children are really enjoying learning about the different monsters and their associated sounds in class and they look forward to sharing them with you.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask us and we will do our best to help.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sterecki, Mrs MacBean & Mrs Kemshell.

A message from the Monster Phonics team

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.

Monster Phonics accelerates progress, so it is important to use this approach at home whenever you are helping your child with phonics or learning spellings.

Follow the [Parent Guide](#) to help you best support your child reading Monster Phonics books.

Setting up home access to Monster Phonics E-books

2. Use the link below to create your own individual parent account for E-books.

School to add this

Click on the link and complete the form. ONLY use the school physical address where the form asks for address.

3. Use your own personal email details to create your own account.
4. This will create a specific eBook login for you as parents.
5. The school can then allocate the appropriate stage of books for your child.
6. School will message you on Google Classroom or Tapestry each week to let you know which book your child should read at home within the stage.

The Monster Phonics Reading Scheme

The next pages outline the way Monster Phonics works. 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.

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).

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.

Watch the video



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.

In school we 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 helpful for you to use Monster Phonics where possible at home.

Find out more about Monster Phonics

- Attend one of our [Parent Webinars](#)
- Read an [eBook](#)
- Watch a Monster Phonics [Story Time](#)
- Read a [review](#) and if you like Monster Phonics, add one too!

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



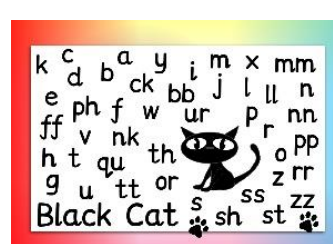
Tricky Letters that make a different sound



Long U sound



Black Cat letters make a single sound



Monster Phonics App

There is an App available appropriate for Year 1/ 2 and onwards that can support the reading and spelling of High Frequency Words but there is no expectation to purchase this.



Monster Phonics Learn to
Spell the First 100
High-Frequency Words



Monster Phonics Learn to
Spell the Next 200
High-Frequency Words



Monster Phonics Learn to Spell
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High-Frequency Words
£2.99

Free resources for parents

Activities

<https://monsterphonics.com/free-phonics-worksheets/>

Ideas for learning spellings

<https://monsterphonics.com/free-resources/fun-ways-to-help-children-learn-phonics-spelling/>

Games

<https://monsterphonics.com/games/>

Flashcards

<https://monsterphonics.com/flashcards-2/>

Information about phonics

<https://monsterphonics.com/how-it-works/letters-and-sounds/>

<https://monsterphonics.com/how-it-works/ks1-spelling-curriculum/>

<https://monsterphonics.com/the-phonics-screening-check/>

For help or further information please email:

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