

## Useful websites

- [crickweb.co.uk](http://crickweb.co.uk)
- [bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/phonics/play](http://bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/phonics/play) (*Deep Sea Phonics*)
- [ictgames.com](http://ictgames.com)
- [topmarks.co.uk](http://topmarks.co.uk)
- [phonicsplay.co.uk](http://phonicsplay.co.uk)
- [familylearning.org.uk](http://familylearning.org.uk)
- [starfall.com](http://starfall.com)
- [teachyourmonstertoread.com](http://teachyourmonstertoread.com)



## Information for parents about the Early Years Curriculum

*Reading  
and  
Writing*

## Reading

### 40-60+ months

- Continues a rhyming string.
- Hears and says the initial sound in words.
- Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together and knows which letters represent some of them.
- Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.
- Begins to read words and simple sentences.
- Used vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by their experiences of books.
- Enjoys an increasing range of books.
- Knows that information can be retrieved from books and computers.

**Early Learning Goal** Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with other about what they have read.

**Exceeding** Children can read phonetically regular words of more than one syllable as well as many irregular but high frequency words. They use phonic, semantic and syntactic knowledge to understand unfamiliar vocabulary. They

## Writing

### 40-60+ months

- Gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint.
- Begins to break the flow of speech into words.
- Continues a rhyming string
- Hears and says the initial sound in words.
- Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together.
- Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.
- Uses some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in sequence.
- Writes own name and other things such as labels, captions.
- Attempts to write short sentences in meaningful contexts.

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**Early Learning Goal** Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.

**Exceeding** Children can spell phonetically regular words of more than one syllable as well as many irregular but high frequency words. They use key features of narrative in their own writing.