Foundation Programme Overview

Aspect 1 – General sound discrimination – environmental sounds

The aim of this aspect is to raise children's awareness of the sounds around them and to develop their listening skills.

Aspect 2 – General sound discrimination – instrumental sounds

This aspect aims to develop children's awareness of sounds made by various instruments and noise makers.

Aspect 3 – General sound discrimination – body percussion

The aim of this aspect is to develop children's awareness of sounds and rhythms.

Aspect 4 – Rhythm and rhyme

This aspect aims to develop children's appreciation and experiences of rhythm and rhyme in speech.

Aspect 5 – Alliteration

The focus is on the initial sounds of words.

Aspect 6 – Voice sounds

The aim is to distinguish between different vocal sounds and to begin oral blending and segmenting.

Aspect 7 – Oral blending and segmenting

The main aim is to develop oral blending and segmenting skills.

Pre-Phase 2

Pre-Phase 2 in our Foundations Programme has a slower pace than Phase 2 teaching in Reception. Pre-Phase 2 covers only one letter each week. Lessons and resources are provided to teach the first 8 letters taught in Phase 2: s, a, t, p, i, n, m and d.