

Great books for teaching phonics

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A selection of picture books to support the teaching of phonics through real texts.

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Elizobeth Linday Shorrott	Socks By Nick Sharratt & Elizabeth Lindsay	Phase 2	Lots of ck words to play with and read aloud together. Sockywockydoodah!
ALPHABIT ALPHABIT	Once Upon an Alphabet By Oliver Jeffers	Phase 2	A wonderful way to introduce the alphabet and begin to explore initial phonemes. Quirky stories for each letter e.g. Jemima and her jelly door
QUICK QUACK QUENTIN	Quick Quack Quentin By Kes Grey & Jim Field	Phase 2	Superb for multiple phonemes in phase 2 as poor Quentin loses the 'a' in his quack and goes on a search to find it
DUCK in the TRUCK DUCK Alborough	Duck in a Truck By Jez Alborough	Phase 2	Full of ck words of course! rock/muck/stuck
Jam, Jim	Pass the Jam, Jim By Kaye Umansky & Margaret Chamberlain	Phase 2	A classic to read aloud together. Brilliant for blending and segmenting phase 2 phonemes
Splat *: Cat The Signal and Special Sp	Splat the Cat By Rob Scotton	Phase 2	A whole series of funny tales following Splat on his mad adventures

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Shark Park!	Shark in the Park By Nick Sharratt	Phase 3	Lovely reinforcement of the ar phoneme, super for shared reading
Ben's et	Ben's Trumpet By Rachel Isadora	Phase 3	Good for zz, e.g. 'Ben plays trumpet at the Zig Zag Jazz club'
YOU AND ME, LITTLE BEAR	You and Me, Little Bear By Martin Waddell	Phase 3	Good for consolidation of tricky words.
OI FROGI	Oi Frog! Oi Dog! Oi Cat! By Kes Grey & Jim Field	Phase 3, phase 4 & phase 5	Fabulous tongue twisting books full of rhyming pairs. Introduces the oi phoneme but so much scope across all phases.
Sam Usher SNOW	Snow and Rain By Sam Usher	Phase 3	Beautifully illustrated books that every child can relate to. Super for introducing first vowel phonemes.
Shape Market	Shh! We have a Plan By Chris Haughton	Phase 3	Just fantastic and obviously perfect for the sh phoneme!

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SHHHI ALEPTERAD BOX SALLY ORINDERY AND PETER UTTON	<i>Shhh!</i> By Sally Grindley	Phase 3	Another irresistible read aloud book, perfect for the sh phoneme
Jula Donaldion. Aret Scheffler The Snucl and the Whales	Room on the Broom Tiddler A Squash and a Squeeze The Snail in the Whale By Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler	Phase 3 to Phase 5	So many of the Julia Donaldson books can be used to introduce vowel phonemes in phase 3, and then for consolidating and exploring alternative spellings through to phase 5
Oi! Get off our Train	Oi! Get off our Train By John Burningham	Phase 3	Beautiful and poignant picture book about endangered animals. A great vehicle to introduce the oi phoneme in context
DONN BY THE COOK	Down by the Cool of the Pool By Tony Mitton	Phase 3	Lots of phase 3 phonemes to practise and not just the oo phoneme. It's also full of sound effects, repetition and lots of joining in!
This is the BEAR BEAR BEAR BEAR BEAR BEAR BEAR BEAR	This is the Bear By Sarah Hayes & Helen Craig	Phase 4	Lovely for consolidating phase 3 and adjacent consonants – mpdump / grump / bump

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THERE'S BEAR MY CHAIR	There's a Bear on my Chair By Ross Collins	Phase 5	Hilarious book – super for vocabulary development and alternative spellings of the air phonemethere/chair/bear/ share
Quentin Blake FANTASTIC JAISY ARTICHOKE	Fantastic Daisy Artichoke By Quentin Blake	Phase 5	Great for alternative spellings of the o-e phonemeartichoke / folk/ soak/broke
Orange Pear Apple Bear Indu Groves	Orange Pear Apple Bear By Emily Gravett	Phase 5	Simple, but effective in introducing an alternative for the air phoneme
Rabbilgness	<i>Rabbityness</i> By Jo Empson	Phase 6	Lovely book about individuality and super for adding ing
HOTTEST COLDEST HIGHEST DEEPEST	Hottest Coldest Highest Deepest By Steve Jenkins	Phase 6	Perfect for suffixes but beautiful and informative too. Jenkins has another great title - Biggest Strongest Fastest
CHEESE BELONGS TO YOU!	Cheese Belongs to You! By Alexis Deacon	Phase 6	Full of fun and great for exploring suffixes and superlatives grounded in Rat Law!

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