

## Useful phonics websites and apps

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) - we use this frequently at school, some of the games are available without signing up.

[www.ictgames.com/literacy.html](http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html) - Loo, cover, write, check - Help a hedgehog - The Dinosaurs eggs (High Frequency version) - Poop deck pirates - Tell a T-rex - Look, cover, check are all age appropriate for Reception

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/popup.shtml> Deep Sea phonics on Medium level

<http://www.ictgames.com/machine.html> Reading machine

<http://www.starfall.com/n/level-a/learn-to-read/play.htm?f> Starfall Learn to read. A bit American but the animations and stories seem to capture the children's attention.

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) - free ebooks including Biff, Kipper, Chip ones as long as you register for free

"Phonics Frog Word Dip" (easier to Google it) - good for practising digraphs

<http://splash.abc.net.au/res/i/L7855/index.html> "Letter Planet" (This is also tablet friendly) – good for practising digraphs

[http://www.literactive.com/Download/live.asp?swf=story\\_files/hanging\\_monkeys\\_US.swf](http://www.literactive.com/Download/live.asp?swf=story_files/hanging_monkeys_US.swf) "Hanging Monkeys" – good for easier three letter words

[http://www2.smarttutor.com/player/swf/PH\\_consonant\\_diagraphs\\_L2\\_V1\\_t3.swf](http://www2.smarttutor.com/player/swf/PH_consonant_diagraphs_L2_V1_t3.swf) Consonant digraph practice

[http://www.literactive.com/Download/live.asp?swf=story\\_files/bowling\\_alley\\_US.swf](http://www.literactive.com/Download/live.asp?swf=story_files/bowling_alley_US.swf) Bowling alley phonics – good for practising consonant clusters at the beginning of more challenging words, e.g. sp-rint

[www.phonicsbloom.com](http://www.phonicsbloom.com) – Various games broken down by the different phonic stages. Reception cover phases 2-4 and Year 1 cover phases 2-5.

[www.teachyourmonstertoread.com](http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com) (free) or **Teach Your Monster to Read App** (£4.99 but sometimes they promote it and offer it for free). This app/website is really highly recommended by teachers as it follows the same structure that we teach phonics at school and the children really seem to enjoy it. You can also track your child's progress and whether they are decoding words correctly after their session.

**Hairy Phonics / Hairy Letters app** – This app is produced by the Nessy company, who also have lots of funny videos on Youtube explaining lots of spelling rules that the children will need to know by Year 2.

Twinkl Phonics app – This app follows the Letters and Sounds Scheme that we use in school.

**Read with Biff, Chip and Kipper App** – The app is free but there are in-app purchases required. A lot of these books might be free to read on the Oxford Owl website mentioned above.