



Sounds Write Information - November 2025

At Hilpertown, Sounds-Write is our chosen government approved, phonics program. Phonic sessions are taught daily for 30 minutes from Reception to year 2. Children are taught the phonemic awareness skills of blending, segmenting and phoneme manipulation.

The 4 key concepts they learn on their phonics journey are-

1. Letters are symbols that represent sounds.
2. The same sound can be spelled in more than one way.
3. A sound may be spelled by 1,2,3 or 4 letters.
4. Many spellings can be represented by more than one sound.

In the Foundation Stage children learn the Initial Code where they practice the 3 phonemic awareness skills whilst learning 1:1 sound-spelling correspondences. As they build confidence and learn the taught code children develop the ability to read and write words with a cvc structure. As they progress through the first year the complexity of words becomes systematically more challenging so that by the end of the first-year children can read and write monosyllabic words with up to 6 sounds.

Once the Initial Code is embedded, children move on to the Extended Code which teaches the key concepts 2-4. Children will learn to apply these concepts to polysyllabic words at an age- appropriate level.

We encourage all of our parents to access the free Sounds-Write online course for parents: [Help your child to read and write](#) so that they are well-informed about how best to support their children with their reading.