



Phonics Phase 1 Kit

Let these activities inspire you with different ways you can use the resources contained within the Phase 1 Kit.



Activities with the ...

Initial Sounds Pieces

The initial sounds bag contains over 70 illustrated wooden pieces representing different initial sounds.

1. Hear the Sound

- Select a variety of pieces with different initial sounds from the bag e.g. dog, bee, lion.
- Lay the pieces out, image side up, and say the names aloud with the children.
- Ask the children different questions, such as 'can you find an object that starts with a /d/ sound?'.
- If playing as a game, children can keep the piece when they are correct.

2. Odd One Out

- Put out three pieces, two with the same initial sound and one that is different.
- Say the words out loud with the children.
- Ask them to identify which piece is the odd one out and why.

Rhyming Pieces

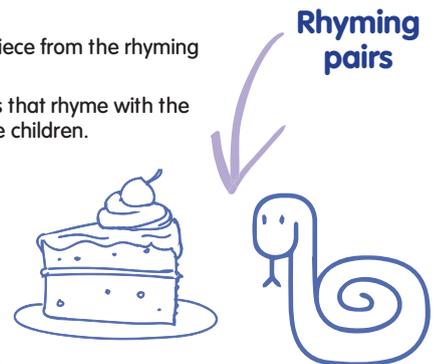
The rhyming bag contains over 40 wooden rhyming pieces.

1. Rhyme Hunt

- Choose 5 pairs of wooden pieces that rhyme, e.g. snake and cake.
- Keep one wooden piece to show the children and then hide the rhyming pair in your outdoor space.
- Show the children one of the wooden pieces you kept e.g. snake, and then set off on a treasure hunt to find the rhyming pair.
- Say the words aloud as you find pieces so children can listen for the rhyme.

2. Rhyming Bingo

- Give each child a wooden piece from the rhyming bag.
- Hide in a box a set of pieces that rhyme with the pieces you have given to the children.
- The children take it in turns to draw an object out of the box one at a time.
- Children call out when they see an object that rhymes with theirs.
- After each rhyming pair is found, say the words aloud.



Sing It Bag

The sing it bag contains 22 laminated cards and wooden pieces from popular nursery rhymes.

Choose a Rhyme

- Place all of the wooden pieces in the bag.
- Ask a child to pull a wooden piece out of the bag and identify the matching rhyme.
- Sing the rhyme together.
- Children could accompany the rhyme with musical instruments.

Changing Rhymes

- Choose one of the rhymes from the bag.
- Sing the rhyme and let children experiment with their voices while singing for example singing loudly or quietly.
- When children are familiar with the nursery rhymes, you could try changing some of the words

Musical Instruments

The kit contains a collection of musical instruments including triangles, bells, egg shakers, drums and maracas.

Which Instrument?

- Explore the instruments together and let children play each of the instruments to find out what they sound like.
- Lay out one set of the instruments so that all children can see them.
- One child hides behind a screen with an identical set of instruments and chooses one to play.
- The other children must identify which they think is being played.

Animal Sounds

- Collect together a selection of animal puppets or toys and use the instruments from the kit.
- Give children some time to explore and play with the toys and instruments.
- Set children a challenge to use one of the instruments to make a sound that matches one of the animals.
- Discuss the sounds the children make as a group.

Let children play the instruments to find out what they sound like

