Jolly Phonics

Leading the teaching of literacy



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Storybooks

Reading books to children gives them:

- A love of books
- A wider vocabulary
- A greater understanding of language



But the children need to ‘crack the code’ of English to become independent readers.

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The 5 Basic Skills

The 5 basic skills of *Jolly Phonics* are:

1. Learning the letter sounds
2. Learning letter formation
3. Blending
4. Identifying sounds in words
5. Tricky words



Letter Sounds

Children learn in a fun, multi-sensory way using stories and actions.



Learning the action for the /s/ sound: Weave your hand like a snake, making an ‘s’ shape, saying sssssssss.

Letter Sounds

1. s a t i p n
2. c/k e h r m d
3. g o u l f b
4. ai j oa ie ee or
5. z w ng v oo oo
6. y x ch sh th th
7. qu ou oi ue er ar

Digraphs

Digraphs are two letters that make one sound.

ai	oa	ie	ee	or
ng	oo	oo	ch	sh
th	th	qu	ou	oi
	ue	er	ar	

Alternative Spellings

The alternative spellings of the vowel sounds:

Introduced as:		Taught later as:			
ai	(rain)	ay	(play)	a-e	(flame)
ee	(feet)	ea	(leaf)	e-e	(these)
oa	(boat)	ow	(snow)	o-e	(bone)

Letter Formation

Correct formation can be encouraged from the very beginning:



- See the letter formation
- Write the letter in the air

Pencil Hold

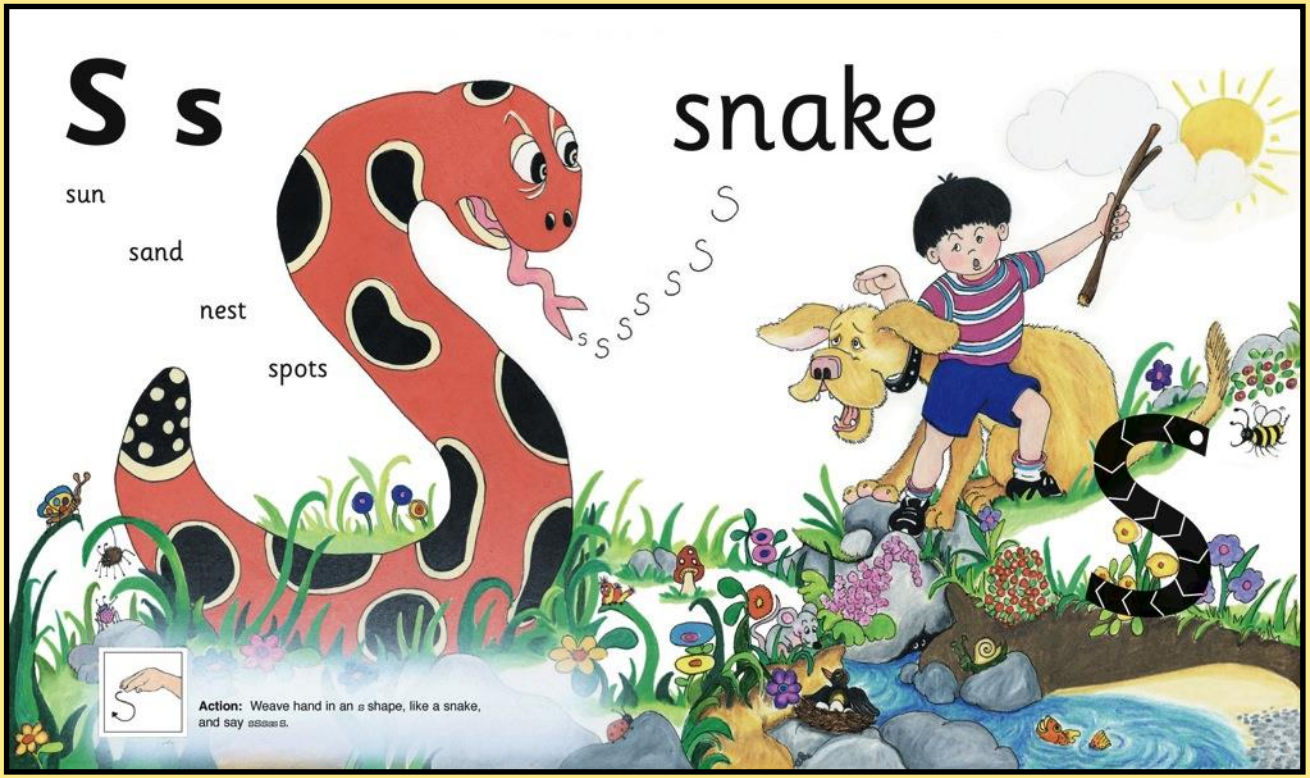
The children need to learn how to hold their pencil properly right from the start:



- 'Tripod' grip
- 'Froggy legs' movement

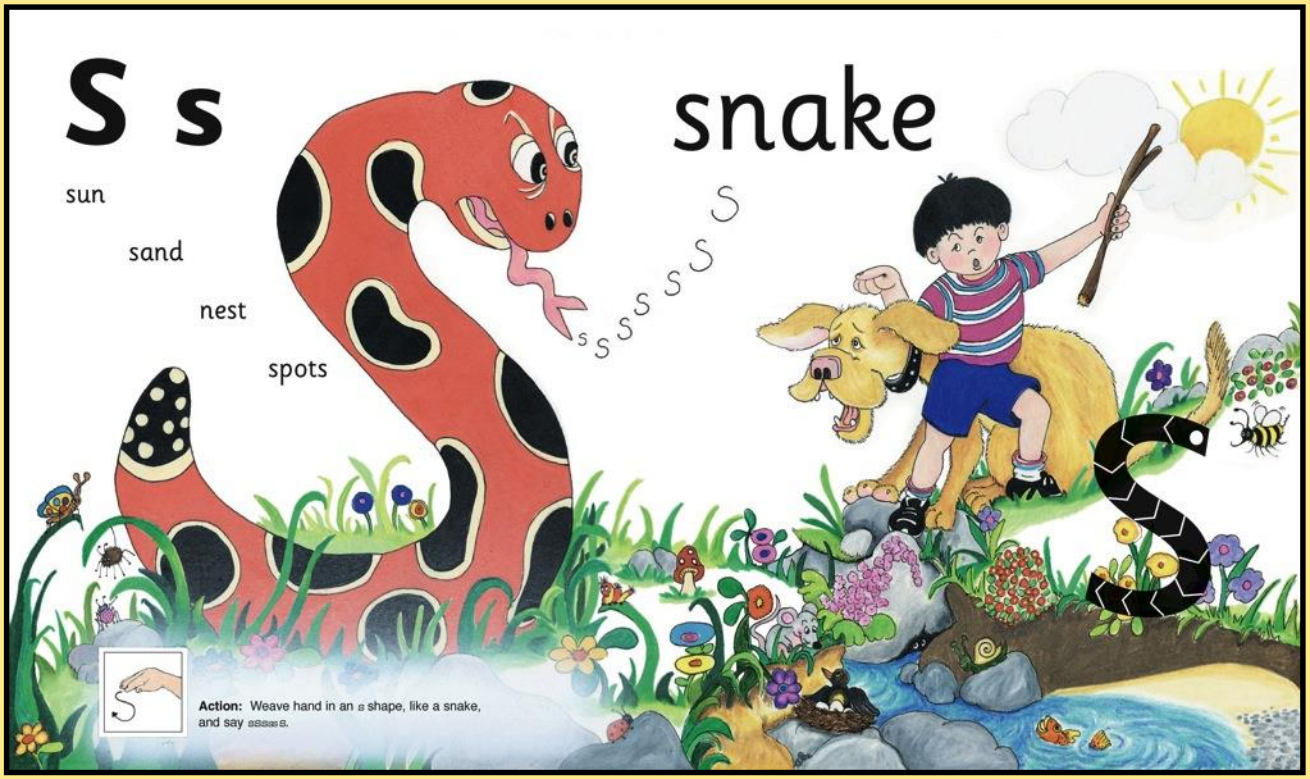
Blending Skills

Blending skills are essential for reading. They can be taught right from the start.



Phonological Awareness

Phonological awareness can be encouraged from the very first lesson:



4. Identifying sounds in words

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Dictation

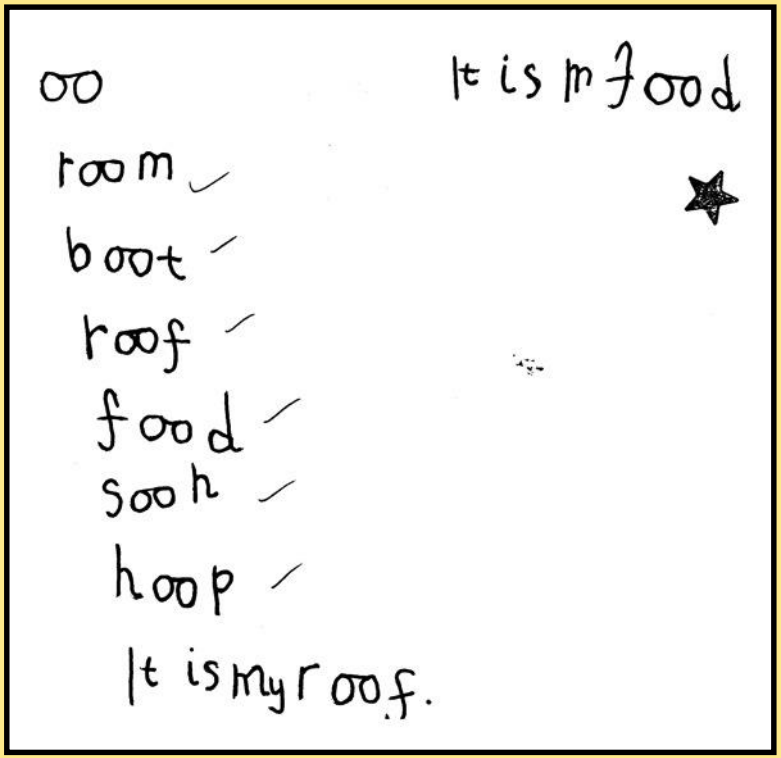
Dictation practice prepares the children for independent writing:



- Letter sounds
- Simple CVC words
- Regular words with consonant blends and digraphs
- Phrases and sentences
- Capital letters

Simple Dictation

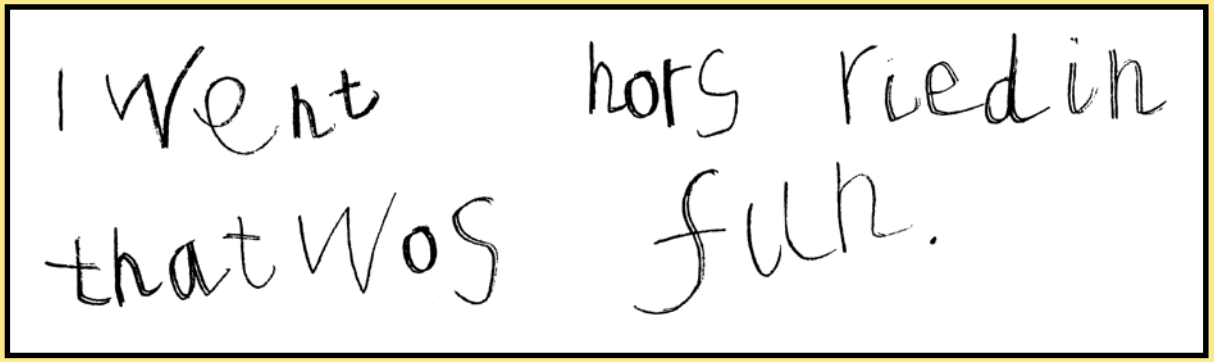
A sample of early dictation by a five-year-old using *Jolly Phonics.*



Independent Writing

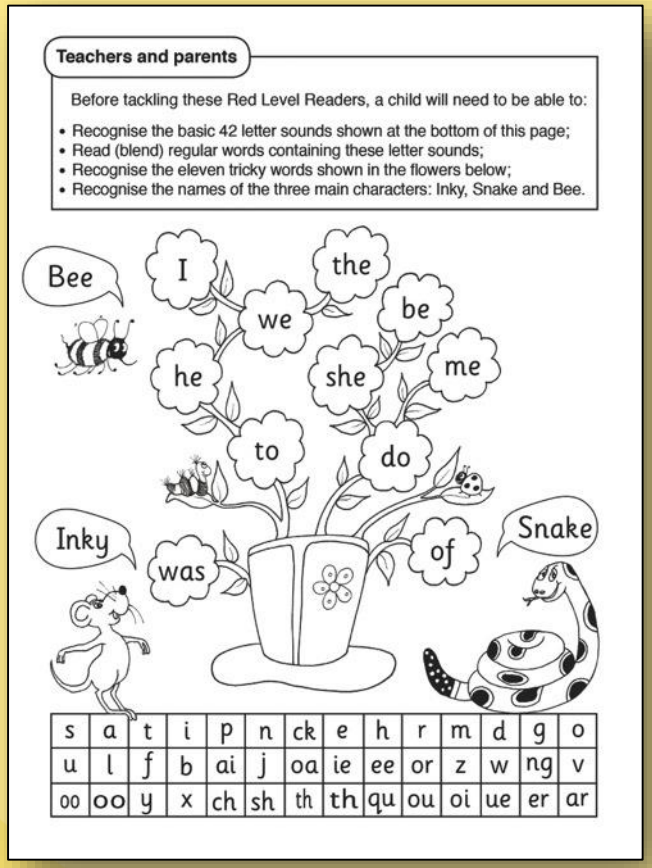
For children to write independently they need to know:

- The 42 letter sounds
- How to hear the sounds in words
- One way of writing the letter sounds
- What they want to say



Tricky Words

To **read** tricky words well, the children need to:



Teachers and parents

Before tackling these Red Level Readers, a child will need to be able to:

- Recognise the basic 42 letter sounds shown at the bottom of this page;
- Read (blend) regular words containing these letter sounds;
- Recognise the eleven tricky words shown in the flowers below;
- Recognise the names of the three main characters: Inky, Snake and Bee.

Bee I the we be he she me to do Inky was of Snake

s	a	t	i	p	n	ck	e	h	r	m	d	g	o
u	l	f	b	ai	j	oa	ie	ee	or	z	w	ng	v
oo	oo	y	x	ch	sh	th	th	qu	ou	oi	ue	er	ar

- Work out the ‘tricky’ bits
- Have regular flashcard practice

Jolly Phonics Readers



A wealth of interesting, decodable texts

Parental Support

Providing additional support at home can help children achieve the best results:



- Sound sheets
- Dictation
- Jolly Phonics Readers