

ELS Overview – Phase 1 to Phase 5

Phase 1*	Phase 2	Phase 3**
<i>Nursery/Pre-School</i> Seven aspects: • Environmental sounds • Instrumental sounds • Body percussion • Rhythm and rhyme • Alliteration • Voice sounds • Oral blending	<i>Reception/Primary 1 Autumn 1</i> • Oral blending • Sounding out and blending with 23 new grapheme-phoneme correspondences (GPCs) • 12 new harder to read and spell (HRS) words	<i>Reception/Primary 1 Autumn 2, Spring 1 and Spring 2</i> • Oral blending • Sounding out and blending with 29 new GPCs • 32 new HRS words • Revision of Phase 2
Phase 4**	Phase 5 including alternatives and lesser-known GPCs	Beyond Phase 5
<i>Reception/Primary 1 Summer 1</i> • Oral blending • No new GPCs • No new HRS words • Word structures – cvcc, ccvc, ccvcc, cccvc, cccvcc • Suffixes • Revision of Phase 2 and Phase 3	<i>Reception/Primary 1 Summer 2</i> • Introduction to Phase 5 for reading • 20 new GPCs • 16 new HRS words <i>Year 1/Primary 2 Autumn 1 and 2</i> • Revision of previously taught Phase 5 GPCs • 2 new GPCs • 9 new HRS words <i>Year 1/Primary 2 Spring 1 and 2</i> • Alternative spellings for previously taught sounds • 49 new GPCs • 4 new HRS words • Oral blending • Revision of Phase 2, Phase 3 and Phase 4	<i>Year 1/Primary 2 Summer, Year 2/Primary 3 and Key Stage 2</i> • With ELS, phonics teaching does not stop at the end of Year 1, but continues as children move through the school, with links being made between their GPC knowledge and spelling • Revision of all previously taught GPCs for reading and spelling • Wider reading, spelling and writing curriculum