

Programme: Essential Letters and Sounds  
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#### Key features of the SSP programme

Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS) is a complete SSP programme developed by specialist teachers at the Knowledge Schools Trust, one of the Department for Education's English Hubs. The programme has been thoroughly piloted in schools and led to significantly increased phonics screening scores. It has at its heart the aim that all children learn to read well, quickly.

#### Key features:

- Whole-class high-quality teaching with well-structured daily lesson plans
- Consistent terminology used by teachers, children and parents
- Consistent resources that support the teaching of ELS
- Effective use of repetition throughout the programme
- Regular and manageable assessment to ensure that all children keep up rather than catch up
- High-quality training to ensure that all staff are confident in teaching phonics

#### Resources

- Engaging resources to support effective classroom delivery: friezes, flashcards and activity books

- Wide range of carefully-matched decodable books published by Oxford University Press for children to apply their phonics learning and experience reading success
- Daily front-of-class lessons via the whiteboard to help provide consistency and pace
- Built-in keep up and review sequence to ensure all children make progress, especially the lowest-attaining 20%

#### Training offer

Essential Letters and Sounds Training works on a subscription based model.

Schools signing up to the ELS training package will pay:

- 1 form entry or smaller: £520 in year one and £320 in subsequent resubscription years
- 2 form entry plus : £650 in year one and £400 in subsequent resubscription years

Re-subscription in subsequent years is significantly reduced to ensure ELS schools are able to continue to provide CPD to all existing staff and those new to the school

If you are part of a trust considering joining with a number of schools, please do get in touch with ELS directly.

#### Package options/ links to this information

- Training package: provided by the Knowledge Schools Trust.
- Online teaching and assessment resources: annual subscription
- eBook library for Letters & Sounds: annual subscription
- Teaching resources pack: flashcards, friezes and posters
- Activity Books pack: 4x activity books
- Decodable readers: package prices vary

Please visit <https://global.oup.com/education/content/primary/series/essential-letters-and-sounds/?region=uk> for details and to discuss which packages will best suit your school.

#### Further details

We are incredibly proud to present Essential Letters and Sounds, a systematic, synthetic phonics programme based on our aim that every child will **learn** to read and **love** to read. Our programme is rigorous, engaging and supports teachers to ensure that the lowest attaining children **keep up** rather than 'catch up'. Feedback from our pilot schools has been phenomenal. Children are making accelerated progress and they tell us their favourite lesson is phonics. Teachers feel empowered and love teaching our programme! Through our work as one of the Department for Education's English Hubs, we have developed a way of teaching Letters and Sounds to ensure that all children are learning to read well and making speedy progress. Essential Letters and Sounds provides lesson plans, interactive whiteboard resources, supporting worksheets, mnemonics and rhymes, assessment documents and a complete training package for all members of staff.

Essential Letters and Sounds aligns with a large number of texts from Oxford University Press, that will already be in use at most schools. Schools will be able to use these seamlessly to support the phonics instruction our programme offers.

**With serious concerns about falling literacy levels due to recent lockdowns and increasing disparity, our scheme combines continuous and reactive assessment with robust interventions to ensure all children reach their reading potential.**