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Are you looking for a validated systematic synthetic phonics programme (SSP) that updates and revises Letters & Sounds to meet current expectations? Do you want an SSP that provides everything you need to teach 'first class' phonics lessons and achieve success for all?

First Class Phonics is an innovative scheme that provides exactly what both Head Teachers and teachers want: a cost-effective, easy-to-follow programme proven to help children reach the ELGs (Reading/Writing), to increase attainment in reading and spelling in KS1 and improve results in the Year One Phonics Screening Check.

What is First Class Phonics and why do you need it?

First Class Phonics is a complete, fully-resourced SSP programme that gives you peace of mind by providing:

- A rigorous progression with high expectations for all children
- A fun, engaging approach with a focus on learning through play – First Class Phonics is a 'workbook-free' SSP because research has shown that children learn more through play
- A consistent weekly teaching sequence with structured lessons focusing on *either* reading *or* spelling thus preventing cognitive overload



- An active learning approach so every child participates throughout the lesson - no more lessons where a few children are involved and the rest just 'look on'.
- A cost-effective, initial purchase with no 'hidden extras' and no expensive annual 'top-up' costs to run the programme.
- A flexible approach to teaching – either whole class or groups without a need for large numbers of staff
- Easy-to-

follow planning and ready-made teaching resources to reduce workload to a minimum - no more downloading, printing, laminating or making resources! Everything comes ready to use in the classroom!

- Opportunities for children to work independently to consolidate new learning whilst also developing life skills like turn-taking and collaborative learning



- An emphasis on children orally blending and segmenting, eliminating the often-heard plaintive cry from teachers... “They know all the graphemes but they just can’t read the words”
- Daily practice activities using word and picture cards – all learning is truly multi-sensory and interactive
- An approach that *appears* to slow down the pace of teaching but actually increases the pace of learning to ensure that learning is embedded
- High quality pictures are used to promote independent checks of decoding accuracy, as visual prompts for spelling and to introduce new vocabulary in a concrete way



- Lists to match existing decodable books to First Class Phonics - saving your school money
- A phonically decodable reading scheme aligned to the First Class Phonics teaching progression - First Class Readers



- An emphasis on using manipulative resources in Reception for spelling – before children in EYFS are ‘ready to write’

- A wealth of guidance and teaching resources for teaching letter formation



What do you get?

First Class Phonics provides **everything** that teachers need to deliver highly engaging, multisensory, interactive phonics teaching:

PHASE 1 Part 2 Set 1-7 Planning		ADDITIONAL PUPILS	4-7
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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- **Learning Overviews and Weekly Planning** – easy-to-follow, ready to use
- **Teaching PowerPoints** – a comprehensive range of PowerPoints to teach reading lessons and spelling lessons, including PowerPoints to teach Tricky Words and High Frequency Words, plus additional PowerPoints for regular exposure to words found in the Phonics Screening Check - Aliens and 'Unicorns' – less common real words.



- **Packs of Pupil Cards** – sets of double-sided word cards (with, and without, sound buttons) and matching picture 'check' cards for practising reading and spelling.
- **Packs of TW/HFW Pupil Cards** – sets of word cards for practising reading and spelling of Tricky Words and High Frequency Words (up to Phase 5 Part 4).

- **Set of 3 puppets** – Trevor, Izzy and Luna.



- **Set of 4 grapheme wall charts** – Phase 2 graphemes, Phase 3 graphemes, Phase 5 (parts 1-3) graphemes, Phase 5 (parts 1-9) graphemes.



- **Letter formation wall poster** – EYFS letter formation.
- **Dry-wipe poster** – for modelling letter formation in EYFS.

In addition, we provide the First Class Phonics Teaching Manual which includes a wealth of planning, teaching and assessment materials such as teaching records, tracking grids, regular Progress Checks plus guidance about on-going, and periodic, assessment.

The manual also includes lesson guidance, prompt cards for teachers, a comprehensive activity booklet, guidance on guided reading, Catch-up plans, guidance and resources for teaching letter formation in EYFS... as well as so much more!

What about training?

After purchasing First Class Phonics, we provide free, fully comprehensive, high-quality, 'live' on-line training for teaching staff on how to teach phonics effectively with First Class Phonics. The five sessions will give staff the confidence to teach phonics using First Class Phonics. They will also receive guidance on how to assess progress and support children at risk of falling behind the expected programme pace. In addition, schools have the opportunity to access additional training:

- Ongoing termly training sessions for continuing professional development to ensure all teachers and TAs are trained on using First Class Phonics, including new staff.
- On-going CPD for Phonics Leads through termly networks on 'how to lead on phonics' and how to achieve consistency, high-quality teaching and fidelity to the programme.

To find out more about First Class Phonics go to <https://bced.co.uk/firstclassphonics/> or contact debs@bced.co.uk or jane@bced.co.uk to discuss the best package and price for your school.

To 'have a go' at using First Class Phonics in your classroom, email admin@bced.co.uk with your name, school address and Year Group and we will send you some free planning, teaching PowerPoints and a free set of Pupil Word and Picture Cards so you can teach a First Class Phonics lesson and see your children engaging and having fun with phonics.

