

Pre-Phonics (Fun!)

Suitable for children aged 16mths to 3 years

Tuesdays: 3.15pm to 4:15pm

What's Pre Phonics?

Each letter of the alphabet has a basic sound and this sound changes as it merges with others, to form the many (many!) sounds of the English language. Learning to identify the sounds is initially easy and gets more complex as children take on more challenges – so it's important to get an early start!

At Kspace we believe that our youngest children are incredibly capable learners and it's never too early to start a gentle introduction to literacy. A very careful approach must be adopted with our youngest children and our aim is to light the spark of interest and work within the boundaries of their curiosity.

This course is FUN fun FUN! At Kspace we have designed a programme that makes learning something that can appeal to children of any age, and even our youngest children become absorbed in and crazy about phonics....without even realizing they are phonics!

Content: We have put together all the funkiest elements and a package that really works for toddlers. The pace and duration of the class suits their energy levels and keeps them fully attentive throughout the hour. The class begins with a stimulating movement time, filled with music and fun games which will have the children learning phonics in a whole new and amazing way! Yoga, giant letter hunts, and freeze games are all part of the movement routine

After our workout we move to our colourful and exciting craft. Through arts and crafts the children can associate the letter sound with something they have created, which makes remembering the sounds much easier, and provides them with a weekly accomplishment to hang up at home! We finish up the class with a bit of age appropriate letter writing practice; for example molding letters with clay, writing into sand, and giant chalk are all exciting ways to get the kids excited about writing. The aim of this

programme is to teach our littlest learners that phonics is fun, and to give them positive ideas of literacy that they can take with them all throughout school!

Expectations All parents have different opinions concerning the right age/stage to begin teaching infants to read. We certainly don't want you to feel that we are rushing the children. The daily achievements of each child at this developmental level are simply amazing, and we are there to harness their will to learn more!

About Jolly Phonics

If you would like to take a closer look at the Jolly Phonics system please read about it here;<http://www.jollylearning.co.uk/>In the complete Jolly Phonics programme the 42 main sounds of English are taught, not just the alphabet. Children in our preschool begin a soft introduction to the Jolly Phonics concept when they are between ages two and three- rising to some fabulous reading and writing skills at about five years old. In our Pre-Phonics classes we are using the children's rapid rate of learning and boundless energy to introduce these ideas a little earlier on.

The phonics sounds are in seven groups and children at Pre-Phonics age will study the most regularly used sounds, and then, when they are old enough to move to our regular Phonics class, they study the entire curriculum of basic phonics. Through teaching these sounds our children identify and hear the first sounds in words, recognize their letter shapes and act out certain sounds with their hands.

This form of multi-sensory learning, aids thought and they gain the ability to spell and eventually read. By forming a mental image of the letter they can picture words and it makes the concept of spelling easier-they can see in their minds that an 'sss' is not 'Esss', it is an 'sssss' as in 'Snake'.

Our other 'letters' programme for this age group is **ABCs with Food!**

We also offer other classes in this range that allow children to develop their skills right through to elementary level reading:

-Phonics

-Advanced Phonics

-Word Wizards and Explorers (special phonics workshops)