St John's
CE Primary School

What is Phase 1 Phonics in Nursery?

Hearing and playing with sounds before we learn to read!

What is Phase 1? It is all about listening, talk, and sound. In nursery, we play games to help **children tune into the sounds around them.** This builds the perfect foundation for reading and writing!

The 7 Fun Areas of Phase 1!

1 ENVIRONMENTAL SOUNDS



Listening to everyday sounds around us (birds, cars, water)

2 INSTRUMENTAL SOUNDS



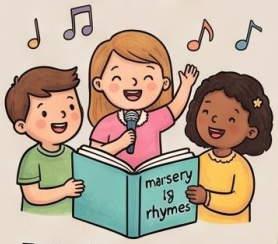
Exploring sounds made by instruments

3 BODY PERCUSSION



Clapping, stomping, and making rhythms with our bodies

4 RHYTHM AND RHYME



Enjoying rhymes, songs, and rhyming patterns

5 ALLITERATION



Noticing words that start with the same sound (eg, s-s-snail, s-s-sun)

6 VOICE SOUNDS



Playing with voices (high, low, loud, quiet, animal noises)

7 ORAL BLENDING & SEGMENTING



Hearing and putting spoken sounds together (like c-a-t = cat!)

How You Can Help at Home!

- Go on a "Listening Walk"!
- Sing nursery rhymes together!
- Play "I Spy" with starting sounds!
- Read stories and make funny voice sounds!