Phonics ideas for home

Phonics Twisty Cups – Blend and read

Stack the cups together and write a selection of phonemes onto the side of the cups. The first cup for the initial phoneme, middle cup for the middle phoneme and the final cup for the last phoneme. Adapt the phonemes that you write according to the phonics phase your child is working in. You can change the amount of cups you use to extend the word, for example f-i-sh or r-a-bb-i-t.



Read the word – CVC word blending.

Read the word as you move up the track. Your child can move up the track using a car, train or truck.



Match the word – Blending skills.

Draw a circle template or use a paper plate. Draw a picture on the top and write the word underneath. Cut them into shape and your child must match the word to the corresponding picture.



Tap, Tap, Read – Tricky word focus

The phonics version of the game 'Duck, Duck, Goose'. Your child touches the top of each cup and says 'tap!', They continue around the circle and then they choose to say the world 'read'. They read the word under that cup. If it not the winning word they can turn the cup up and continue to say 'Tap, tap, read'. The goal is to find the winning word.



Chasing rainbows – Tricky word focus

Draw a rainbow outline onto paper ending with a pot of gold. Then choose 7 tricky words and write them on small pieces of paper. Hide the words around your home and ask your child to search for the words. They can then read and write the word in the corresponding colour onto the rainbow.

