PHONICS TERMINOLOGY

Phoneme	A *phoneme* is the smallest unit of sound in a word we call theses **'Pure sounds'**
Grapheme	Letter(s) representing a phoneme t ai igh
Digraph	Two letters, which make one sound
Consonant digraph	A consonant digraph contains two consonants sh ck th ll
Vowel digraph	A vowel digraph contains at least one vowel ai ee ar oy
Trigraph	Three letters, which make one sound igh dge
Quadgraph	Four letters, which make one sound eigh ough
Split digraph	A digraph in which the two letters are not adjacent (e.g. make)
CVC words	It is the phonemes not the letters. Any word which has a consonant phoneme/digraph, vowel phoneme/digraph and consono phoneme/digraph. Cat shed chick chain tail
Adjacent consonants	Sp sl bl cl fl tr dr spr spl nk lk nt lt
CCVC	Words which have 2 consonant phonemes, vowel phonemes/digraphs and consono phoneme/digraph. Black flip snail train
CVCC	Words like - felt bent chink sink
CCCVC	Words like – Strong string spleen
CCVCC	Words like – Blank spank spent
Enunciation	Is the pronunciation of phonemes correctly. Most consonants should be pronounced in a continuous manner – mmmmmmmm sssss zzzzzzz lllllllllll nnnnnnn ffff rrrrrrr vvvvvvv Some cannot be said like this – c t p b d g h j k x Wwwwww and yyyyy should be tried
Explaining to children	We agreed as a staff team that we would always try and explain to children how to produce the different phoneme sounds. Considering what our mouths, tongues and where the sound is being produced. We also discussed that we would start to explain the sounds as: **Long and stretchy** **Short and bouncy**
Consonant digraphs	**Vowel digraphs**
Sh ch th qu wh Ll ss zz ff ck ng qu x	a a-e ai ay ey eigh e e-e ea ee y i i-e ie igh y o o-e oa oe ow u u-e ue oo ew oo u oul ow ou ough oi oy ar a or aw ore a ough air are ear eer ear