5 PHONIC MUST-HAVES

We know why phonics is important. That's the easy part! The hard part is finding engaging and compelling resources that captivate a child and not bore them senseless. These books and resources still need to deliver on the careful levelling and scaffolded introduction of sounds to ensure reading success, and they need to excite them! This is my absolute must-have wish list for children starting out on their reading journey—in no particular order!

1

START A FREE TRIAL NOW

Reading Eggs
Ages: 2-13

This multi award winning program is truly invaluable. It is a comprehensive reading app that will teach your child to read using online reading games, lessons and books. Your child will have fun learning essential early reading skills suitable for ages 2 to 13 on a desktop, iPad or Android device – and it's so much fun! It is available on multiple tablet devices to allow your child to learn and play wherever you have an Internet connection.

Features:

- *Over 2000 online books plus fun songs, characters and rewards.*
- *Covers the five keys to reading success: phonics, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, comprehension and fluency.*
- *Provides a comprehensive, all in one solution to purchasing multiple reading apps for your child – saving you potentially hundreds of dollars.*
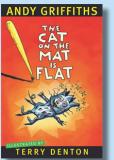
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BLAH BLAH BLAH Phonics Card Game
Ages: 4+

Created by mrswordsmith.com

Blah Blah Blah is the card game that makes phonics fun! Race to get rid of your cards by matching sounds and letters, and playing wild cards to trip up your opponents. Master decoding words using phonics with these three decks of cards, ranging from easy to more difficult. Every card shows a word consisting of three letters (or groups of letters), e.g. b-o-x, b-oo-k, p-i-ck. Each player takes seven cards. One card is placed face-up on the table with the rest of the deck in a pile, face-down. Players must play a card from their hand that contains at least one of the letters that are in the word on the table. The first player to get rid of all their cards wins. But beware! Wild cards hidden in the deck can force you to skip your turn or draw more cards. Bonus feature: each card has a QR code at the back to help you pronounce the sounds.

3

The Flat Cat and The Big Fat Cow Books

by Andy Griffiths and illustrated by Terry Denton

Ages: 3+

These truly hilarious stories are not only easy to read but offer phonics development and rhyming predictability. Best-sellers in the beginner reader arena, these are not to be missed and include:

- *The Cat on the Mat is Flat*
- *Frog on a Log in a Bog*
- *Duck in a Truck in the Muck*
- *The Big Fat Cow That Goes Kapow!*
- *Big Fat Cows*

4

Whiz Kids Reading Fun Kits 1-4

by Louise Park

Ages: 4+

These carefully levelled kits make learning to read and spell a breeze. Each fold out folder contains 3 books to read, 3 sheets of magnets for spelling and word fun and 12 flashcards to support learning. Filled with lots of games and activities to help your child recognise words and write them. The kits are designed to help your child learn to read using synthetic phonics. Each of the decodable readers in the kit introduces a set of sounds and letters, and features decodable words that your child will be able to read when they've learnt those sounds. The readers also include specific sight words for your child to learn.

The flashcards in the kit contain the sight words featured in all three readers; they can be used as a companion to the readers, to help your child remember those words on sight. Finally, also included is a set of 72 magnetic letters, which your child can use to form their own words, and even play the word games that you'll find on the inside cover of this pack.

Using synthetic phonics as presented in this kit, in preparation for your child starting school or as a complement to their learning at school, you'll be surprised at how quickly they can progress in their reading and writing. Super-fun kits that children will love to explore and succeed with.

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Little Learners Love Literacy Programs

From: littlelearnersloveliteracy.com.au

Ages: 4+

Books, apps and other resources developed for school and the home with a solid educational underpinning. These books work! Little Learners Love Literacy is an explicit, multi-sensory literacy program that works for all children. The resources focuses on 'phonemic awareness and alphabet knowledge' giving children the skills they need to read, spell and write with confidence. This sequential program has 7 stages and it is developed from evidence-based literacy research. Children start 'reading' real stories once they know the first 8 'sounds' introduced in our core resource, the Milo's Birthday Surprise storybook. Parents and teachers are supported with additional resources such as the Milo Activity Book and Milo's Read and Grab games. Children practise their skills by reading text, decodable stories about Pip and Tim.