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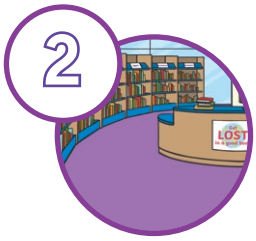
2. 
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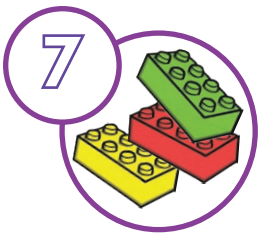
7. 
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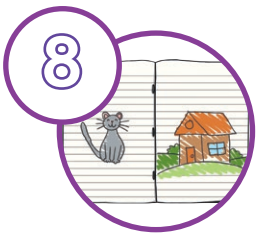
8. 
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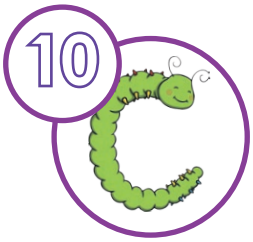
10. 
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Have magnetic letters available, possibly on a fridge in the kitchen, for your child to investigate the orientation of the new letters they are learning and to group letters into 3 letter consonant – vowel – consonant (CVC) words. Just have the letters your child has learnt available and add new letters as your child learns them at school. Foam letters could be used in the bathroom or outside with water play.

2

Visit your local library and find out what early reader books they have available. Spend some time in the library choosing and reading the books.

3

Practise writing letters (graphemes) and digraphs in different media. You could try sand, salt, sugar, glacé icing, cornflour gloop or shaving foam. Try this Cornflour Gloop Recipe.

4

Children love a chance to use tablet computers and there are lots of Phase 2 phonics games online. Try this Name an Alien: Phase 2 Phonics Game or Dinosaur Phase 2 Phonics Hotspots by Twinkl Go!

5

Play a game of 'I spy...' using the sounds from Phase 2. Great for when you're in the car or have five minutes to fill. These Phase 2 Phonics Picture Activity Sheets have lots of things to spy, too.

6

Challenge your child to make Phase 2 letters using playdough. The Phase 2 Phonics Playdough Recipe and Mat Pack contains a mat for each letter and sound in phase 2 plus an easy-to-make playdough recipe. Alternatively, you can use shop-bought playdough or real-life objects, like an apple, for inspiration.

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Add letters and digraphs to building bricks for your child to build and construct new words. This **Phase 2 Phonics Matching Connecting Bricks Game** is designed to fit the leading brands of building bricks.

8

Read and draw with your child. Simply write a three-letter noun on to a piece of paper, e.g. pan, before challenging your child to read the word and draw a picture to match it. These **Phase 2 Phonics Read and Draw Activity Sheets** contain a selection of words to read and draw.

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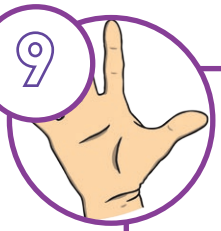

How many words can your child make using Phase 2 phonics? If your child finds writing off-putting, why not try letter cards instead? This **Phase 2 Phonics Unicorn-Themed CVC Word Maker Busy Bag Resource Pack for Parents** contains letter cards, a template mat and a parents' guide.

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Learning tricky words and high-frequency words by sight can add fluency and speed to reading. If your child chooses to, flashcards can help to build sight-reading skills. These **Phase 2 High-Frequency Flashcards** are a comprehensive list of Phase 2 words.

Be mindful not to force your child to take part in these activities or stay at the activities for longer than they want to. All children learn at their own rate and forcing your child to learn could put them off and make learning more difficult in the long run. Be supportive and encouraging and use your child's interests as a hook into new learning. For example, if your child likes cars, put letters or digraphs on cars. If your child like playing with the play-kitchen try adding letters to the play-food.