



Hallgate Phonics Vocabulary

At Hallgate all teaching staff use the same vocabulary to teach phonics. Parents are invited into school at the beginning of FS2 and Year 1 to a reading workshop where vocabulary is explained and modelled.

Word	What does it mean?
blend	Saying the individual sounds that make up a word and then merging or blending the sounds together to say the word – used when reading.
segment	This is the opposite of blending. Splitting a word up into individual sounds – used when spelling and writing. At Hallgate we use robot arms to verbally segment words.
phoneme	A single sound that can be made by one or more letters – e.g. s, k, z, oo, ph, igh.
digraph	Two letters which together make one sound (phoneme) e.g. ee, oa, ea, ch, ay.
trigraph	Three letters which go together make one sound (phoneme) e.g. ear, air, igh, dge, tch.
quadgraph	Four letters which go together to make one sound (phoneme) e.g. eigh
grapheme	Written letters or a group of letters which represent one single sound (phoneme) e.g. a, l, sh, air, ck.

