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**Phonics Terminology**

***Phoneme*** – the smallest unit of sound e.g. a, b, c …

***Grapheme*** – a written representation of a sound

***Diagraph*** – two phonemes make **one** sound e.g. ai, ee, ch

***Trigraph*** – three phonemes make **one** sound e.g. igh, ght

***Split diagraph*** – two phonemes make **one** sound with another letter in-between e.g. cake,

***Segment/de-code*** – to break a word up into its smallest sound components e.g. c a t

***Blend*** – to put sounds back together again in order to read a word

***Repetitive*** – when something repeats over and over again

***Vowel –*** a, e, I, o, u

***Consonant –*** all letters of the alphabet except for a, e, I, o, u

***CVC word*** – a word made up of a consonant, vowel, consonant e.g. mat, dog