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| **Phonics and spelling – Key vocabulary** |
| **Phoneme** | A single unit of sound |
| **Digraph** | A type of grapheme where two letters represent one phoneme (sound) e.g. sh |
| **Trigraph** | A type of grapheme where three letters represent one phoneme (sound) e.g. igh |
| **Consonants** | Most of the letters of the alphabet represent consonants; b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z. |
| **Vowels** | The letters a, e, i, o, u |
| **Grapheme** | A letter, or combination of letters, that corresponds to a single phoneme within a word e.g. ten |
| **Segment** | Break a word into phonemes for writing e.g. sh-ee-p |
| **Blend** | Put the phonemes together to read a word |
| **Tricky word/Common exception word** | A word which can’t be phonetically decoded e.g. was |



