## Phonics at Home

 Phase 4CVC to CVCC Words

## What are CVC and CVCC words?

- CVC words are three letter words that are made up of a consonant-vowel-consonant, for example 'ten'.
- CVCC word are four letter words that are made up of a consonant-vowel-consonant-consonant, for example 'tent'.
- The children start by revisiting some CVC words from previous phases and then add an extra consonant on the end, for example the children spell the word 'ten' and then they add a ' $t$ ' to spell the word 'tent'.
- Sometimes these consonants can be made up of a digraph, a grapheme with two letters but make one phoneme or sound, for example 'ch'. An example of this would be 'chest'.


## Phoneme Frame

We can use a phoneme frame to help with the practising of spelling these words. You can download these frames from our website. Here are some examples:

| Consonant | Vowel | Consonant |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $c$ | $a$ | $t$ |
| $t$ | $e$ | $n$ |
| $b$ | $e$ | $n$ |


| Consonant | Vowel | Consonant | Consonant |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $c$ | $a$ | $t$ | ch |
| $t$ | $e$ | $n$ | $t$ |
| $b$ | $e$ | $n$ | $d$ |

CVCC Words
went help just tent belt bump band dent felt gulp lamp wind hump land nest sink link hunt best tilt lift lost tuft damp bust camp gift kept tusk limp soft pond husk cost bank bunk fond gust hand next milk golf jump fact melt

Tips for learning - give your child the relevant phoneme frame, read out the words and encourage your child to break the word down or segment. They can then use the phoneme frame to help spell the word.

