

# What is reading in the EYFS?



# To be able to read, children need to be able to do 2 things:

- Read the words on the page
- Understand and talk about what they are reading

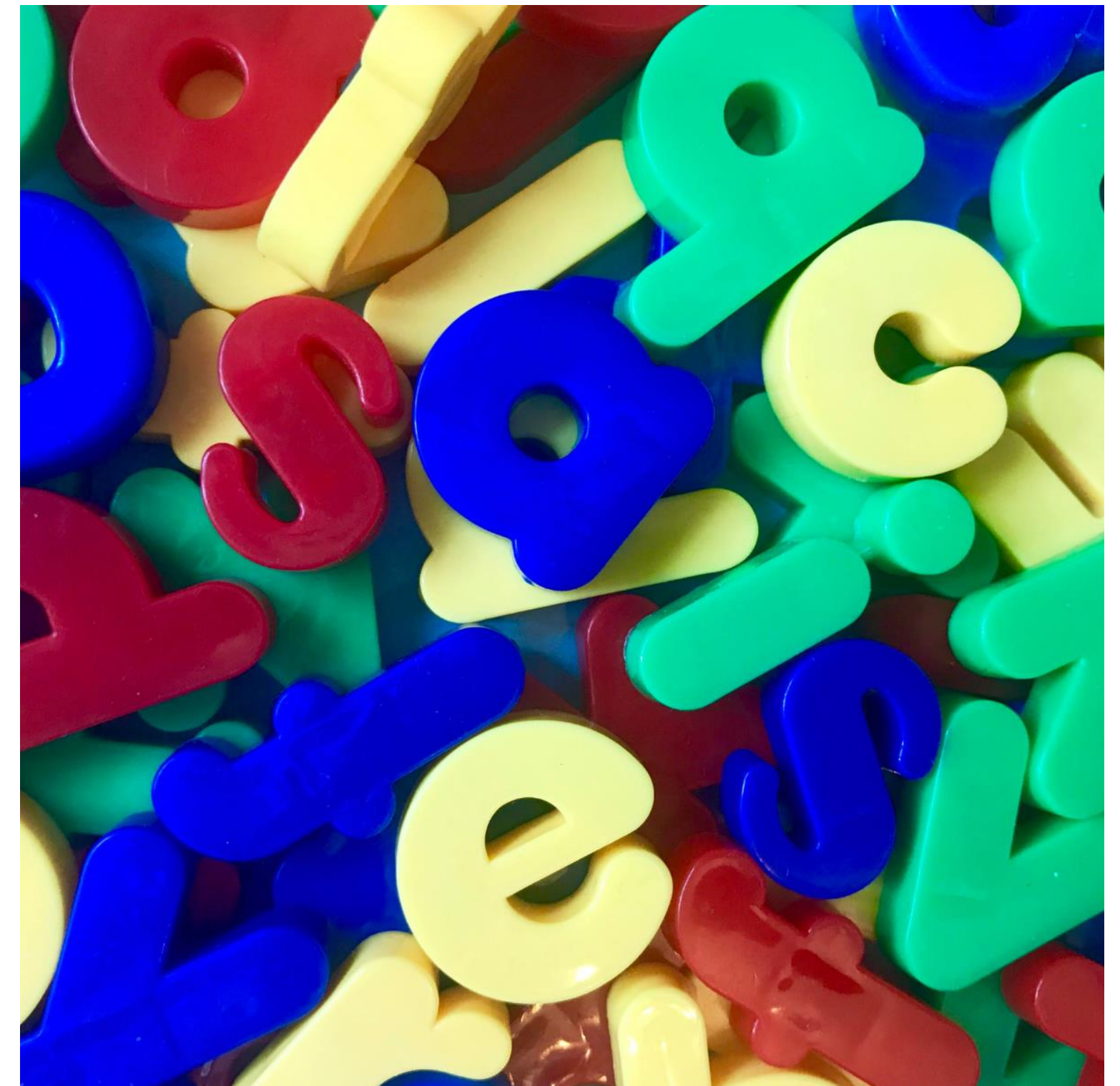
Our EYFS Provision needs to prepare our children for both





# Reading the words

- All schools use Phonics to teach word reading
- A step-by-step method that prepares the children for is essential





# Half of our reading provision

Should prepare.....

- Ears for hearing and remembering sounds
- Eyes for seeing and remembering letter shapes
- Mouths for saying sounds, words and sentences





# Why Prephonic Development Matters



This is a critical part of reading

It prepares children to read the words using Phonics

All EYFS providers need to know what pre-phonics is  
and how to help children develop in this area



# Understanding The Words

Children need to be able to

- Use book behaviours (know how a book works)
- Understand word meaning (vocabulary)
- Gain meaning from the pictures (link to what they already know)
- Know that words have different meanings (expression)





# Book Behaviours

- Listening and attention from beginning to end
- Understand how books are organised
- Turn the pages to find out what happens next
- Flick through to find a favourite page





# Introducing Vocabulary

- Understand everyday words
- Begin to understand new words
- Understand that words work together





# Talk About Reading



- Use language to talk about the pictures
- Link what they see to their own experiences or other stories
- Retell a story or facts from a book, without the presence of pictures
- Use expression to bring meaning to the words





# What to consider next....

- How well do you prepare your children for **reading the words?**
- Do you need to find out more about Pre-Phonics
  
- How well do you prepare your children to **understand what they read?**
- Do you need to find out more about the best ways to develop vocabulary and understanding of language

