Phase 2 and 3 phonics: sound by sound

A typical Phase 2/3 order (Letters and Sounds, DfES 2007). New sounds, a word to read, and the tricky words for each step.

Step	New sounds	Read it	Tricky words
Phase 2 **Set 1**	s a t p	sat at tap	–
Phase 2 **Set 2**	i n m d	sit nap man	–
Phase 2 **Set 3**	g o c k	dig top cat	–
Phase 2 **Set 4**	ck e u r	sock pen sun	the, to
Phase 2 **Set 5**	h b f ff l ll ss	hat bed fan	I, no, go, into
Phase 3 **Set 6**	j v w x	jam van web	we, me, be
Phase 3 **Set 7**	y z zz qu	yes zip buzz	he, she
Phase 3 **Digraphs**	ch sh th ng	chip shop thin	was, my
Phase 3 **Vowels 1**	ai ee igh oa oo	rain feet night	you, they
Phase 3 **Vowels 2**	ar or ur ow oi	car fork fur	her, all
Phase 3 **Vowels 3**	ear air ure er	ear hair cure	are

Schools on a published programme may teach some sets in a different order: follow your school's order and use the cards by their sounds.