Phase 1 games

Here are some games that you can play with your child to practise some key skills, ready for when they start phonics at school.

Alliteration

1. **Continue an alliteration string** – This is a good game to play in the car. Take turns with your child to think of a new thing that begins with the same phonic sound. How many can they think of? Don't worry about the spelling, like cake and kite, as they still start with the same sound.

2. **Tongue twisters** – Make up some funny tongue twisters together e.g. Barry bunny bounced on his bottom.



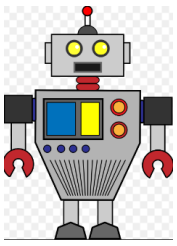
3. **Collecting game** – Challenge your child to make a collection of objects that start with the same sound.

4. **Play 'I spy with my little eye'**



Oral blending and segmenting

1. **Talk like a robot** – Make a robot mask with your child and then encourage them to speak like a robot by breaking their speech into syllables.



2. **Adult talks like a robot** – Break your speech, instructions, or requests into syllables. Your child will need to blend the words together that you are saying.

3. **Listen and draw game** – This is a fun game for 2 people to play. The first person says a segmented word and the second person draws it. Take turns to be the person segmenting or drawing.

4. **Treasure hunt** – Set up a simple hunt around the house and challenge your child to find different objects by segmenting the words into sounds e.g. b-o-x, c-u-p, f-a-n.

