

Unlocking Letters & Sounds

DfE
Validated
✓

Ready-to-teach daily
digital lessons

Flexible and affordable
buying options

Assessment tools
and strategies
to support the
lowest 20%



The key to powerful phonics teaching

Welcome to Unlocking Letters and Sounds

Unlocking Letters and Sounds (ULS) is a DfE validated systematic synthetic phonics programme that largely follows the progression of the 2007 Letters and Sounds framework.

It offers everything schools need to deliver high quality phonics teaching from pre-school to the end of Autumn term in Year 2, making it simple for teachers to ensure that every child becomes a fluent and enthusiastic reader.



Meet the ULS Team

ULS was created by practising teachers who deliver phonics lessons every day. They understand the strengths of the 2007 Letters and Sounds framework – and are passionate about providing the resources and guidance to allow other schools to implement it successfully in their classrooms. They are also committed to:

Reducing teacher workload

ULS is a pick-up-and-teach programme that understands the realities of a busy classroom and is focused on being achievable.

Increasing teacher peace of mind

Teachers can be confident the resources are fully compliant with all recent guidance from the DfE, Ofsted and reflect best practice.

Stretching budgets further

From the flexible buying options to the low ongoing cost of the programme, ULS does not let smaller budgets stand in the way of quality phonics teaching.

The different elements of ULS

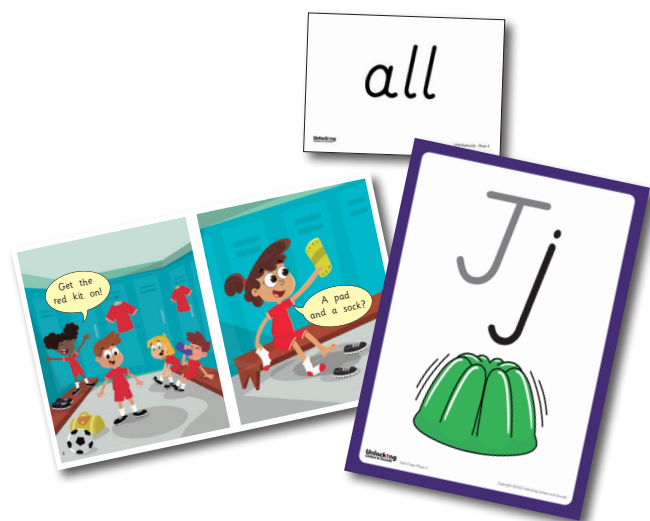
ULS is divided into four different products.

All you need to begin teaching with fidelity is the **core digital subscription** and **CPD training**.

Depending on your school's situation, you may then wish to purchase the **professionally printed resources** and the **fully decodable books** that have been perfectly matched to the programme on a week-by-week basis – even at Phase 5!

Find your way around this leaflet ...

- 4** Core Digital Subscription
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- 7** Professionally Printed Resources
- 8** Perfectly Matched Fully Decodable Books
- 10** Buying Options
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Core Digital Subscription

A subscription to Unlocking Letters and Sounds grants you access to the heart of the programme – the user-friendly online platform.

Here you can find all the resources you need to deliver powerful phonics teaching...

Progression

The ULS progression largely follows the progression contained in Letters and Sounds 2007. We've just clarified and refined learning elements omitted from the original, and made sure that it's in line with current guidance (including requirements from the National Curriculum).

The ULS progression still follows Phases 1 to 5, but some phases are sub-divided into smaller sections, offering structured opportunities for revision ('Mastery') and for spelling development.

Fully resourced digital lessons

ULS's whole-class phonics lessons follow the 'keep up not catch up' approach.

They also consistently follow a 'revise, teach, practise, apply, review' structure – so they're easy for teachers to learn, they create a routine children love, and they really support the lowest 20%.

There are three components to each lesson:

- Weekly overviews of lessons and what they cover
- Slides to deliver the lessons
- Walkthroughs to guide you through how to deliver those slides

Training videos

There are a range of pre-recorded videos, from 'how-to' videos to videos of model lessons and interventions.

Supporting resources

Flashcards, sound mats and wall friezes for you to download and print.



Assessment

ULS uses daily formative assessment and regular diagnostic assessment to identify gaps in children's learning. We supply a whole-class assessment sheet and a one-page assessment record so you can easily track progress and those gaps in learning.

Interventions

ULS includes six interventions to close any gaps in learning and to ensure the lowest 20% keep up. There's support around implementing them, as well as support around selecting which intervention is needed for a given problem.

Reading

There is support around applying phonics to reading, including pre-prepared guided reading lesson plans for the perfectly matched books.

Handwriting

Handwriting is built into the daily phonics lessons. We also provide short patterns and visual guides to letter formation.

And more!

From a phonics glossary to the text for your school website that will ensure you're meeting Ofsted's requirements – if it's useful, ULS aims to offer it!

**The only
ongoing
cost of
ULS!**

Product	Description	ULS Schools Price
School Subscription	Access to the ULS platform for your school	£300 a year
Small School Subscription	Access to the ULS platform for your less-than-one-form-entry school	£250 a year

Full CPD Training

We offer a range of training packages to help you achieve outstanding early reading results and ensure that you're delivering ULS with expertise and fidelity...

- ✓ Build a team of expert reading teachers at your school
- ✓ Choice of online or face-to-face
- ✓ Free 'Phonics Leaders Network' for schools who access training, where we share information and support Phonics Leaders



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Core Whole Staff Training (face-to-face or online)	A comprehensive day of training to take all staff through the key aspects of delivering, monitoring and assessing ULS – plus up to three training places at an 'open session' during the rest of the academic year for any new members of staff.	£725 (plus any travel costs)
Lowest 20% Assessment and Intervention Training (online)	A shorter half-day training programme for any staff involved in delivering interventions. The session looks in depth at effective assessment and analysis, as well as supporting the lowest 20% through high quality, targeted intervention.	£75 per person
Phonics Leaders Training (online)	One day of specific training for phonics leaders around effectively monitoring excellent ULS practice and developing a robust coaching model within your school.	£150 per person
Unlocking Further Success Days (face-to-face)	A one-day site visit to help phonics leaders review ULS provision in their school, support coaching/training of staff and create a next-step development plan.	£450 (plus travel costs)

Has your school had Letters and Sounds training delivered by an accredited English Hub?

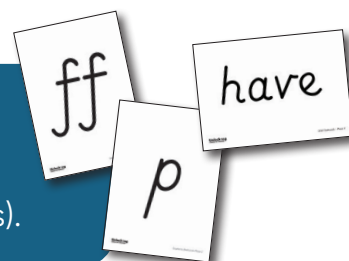
Then no training is needed! You can simply sign your school up to a free 'update' session that will fully support your transition to ULS.

Professionally Printed Resources

Our classroom resources are all available to print from the online platform – but for schools who want to save time, the resources are also available to buy, professionally printed...

Flashcards

Robust flashcards to use as visual prompts and for reviewing GPCs (Phases 2, 3 and 5a) and CEWs (all phases).



Wall Friezes and Charts

Friezes showing the GPCs learned in Phases 2, 3 and 5a (as the children learn new GPCs, they can be added to the frieze, reflecting the children's growing knowledge) and a wall chart showing vowel sounds and consonant sounds for all phases.

Sound Mats

Sound mats for Phases 2 and 3 showing the GPCs covered, plus sound mats for Phase 5 showing vowel sounds and consonant sounds (all phases), organised by sound family.



Product	Description	ULS Schools Price
Resource Pack	One of each of the below products	£200 (includes 25% off)
Flashcards Phases 2 and 3	49 cards, A6	£24.99
Large Flashcards Phases 2 and 3	49 cards, A4	£44.99
Flashcards Phase 5a	19 cards, A6	£17.99
Flashcards Phases 2 to 5 CEWs	57 cards, A6	£34.99
Wall Frieze Phase 2	23 friezes, A4	£19.99
Wall Frieze Phase 3	28 friezes, A4	£19.99
Wall Frieze Phase 5a	19 friezes, A4	£19.99
Wall Chart Phase 5	One copy, A1	£19.99
Sound Mats Phase 2	30 copies, A4	£19.99
Sound Mats Phase 3	30 copies, A4	£19.99
Sound Mats Phase 5	30 copies, A4	£24.99

Fully Decodable Reading Books

The popular Reading Stars Phonics books have been perfectly matched to the ULS progression on a week-by-week basis. There are 225 titles available, giving schools at least two new books for every week of the programme...

- ✓ **Fiction and non-fiction**, as well as a variety of text types (familiar, unfamiliar, rhyme, funny, poignant), all supported by beautiful illustrations and photographs
- ✓ **Real and rewarding reading experiences** – the books never let the limitations of fully decodable language get in the way of stories and topics that will foster a lifelong love of reading
- ✓ **Truly diverse** stories, topics and characters that ensure every child has the chance to 'find themselves' in the pages of the books
- ✓ **An extended Phase 5 range of 85 books** – some match the children's phonics knowledge as it gradually develops, and some draw on everything across either a specific subsection or the entirety of Phase 5, ensuring there is plenty of opportunity for children to consolidate their knowledge
- ✓ **Time-saving pre-prepared guided reading lesson plans** for selected titles on the ULS platform



Seeing is believing...

Get in touch to claim your school's **free** sample pack of 18 readers from across the programme. Yes – it's completely **free** and yours to keep!



Reading Stars Phonics Digital Library

Digital versions of the Reading Stars Phonics books to be used in school and at home.

The Digital Library also includes features like home logins for parents and the ability to allocate books to children.

Books only
£3.50 each
for ULS
schools!

Product	Description	ULS Schools Price
Guided Reading Pack	Six copies of 66 titles (Phases 2 to 5), for which there are pre-prepared guided reading lesson plans on the online platform.	(396 books) £1,386
Independent Reading Pack	Various quantities of 204 Reading Stars Phonics titles (Phases 2 to 5), according to which titles you need more of and which titles you need fewer of.	(574 books) £2,009
Reading Stars Phonics Complete Pack	Simply one copy of every title in the programme.	P2 to 5 (204 books) £714 P1 to 5 (225 books) £787.50
Reading Stars Phonics Digital Library Subscription	Access to digital versions of all the Reading Stars Phonics titles (Phases 1 to 5).	One year £300 Two years £550 Three years £775

Not in a position to fully adopt Reading Stars Phonics?

We completely understand – and are happy to build bespoke packs (at just £3.50 a book) that will simply fill the gaps in your current collection. Just get in touch with your requirements.

Buying Options

1 Curate your school's dream SSP programme

Choose exactly what products you'd like from the price lists under each section...

(Pssst! The **minimum** we recommend for a school is a Subscription and the Core Whole School Training. If you'd like to talk through which combination of products would be best for your school, just get in touch.)

2 Or grab an easy buy 'Starter Pack'

Carefully selected by the ULS team, these packs bundle together the basics of each of the different elements of ULS.

They're ideal for schools who have tighter budgets and who want one central guided reading collection that all their classes can dip into. For a more detailed breakdown of their contents, just get in touch.

One Form Entry Starter Pack **£4,620**

- 1 x School Subscription
- 1 x Core Whole Staff Training
- 1 x Resource Pack
- 1 x Guided Reading Pack
- 1 x Independent Reading Pack

Two Form Entry Starter Pack **£6,829**

- 1 x School Subscription
- 1 x Core Whole Staff Training
- 2 x Resource Pack
- 1 x Guided Reading Pack
- 2 x Independent Reading Pack

Three Form Entry Starter Pack **£9,038**

- 1 x School Subscription
- 1 x Core Whole Staff Training
- 3 x Resource Pack
- 1 x Guided Reading Pack
- 3 x Independent Reading Pack

Results in Real Schools

ULS is a DfE validated SSP programme that makes getting great phonics results easy. But don't just take our word for it...

We have seen rapid progress in our pupils.
Stoke Park Primary School

The lessons are very easy to follow and our children love the consistency and the structure. Clear assessment has meant that gaps in learning are identified quickly and 1:1 intervention is targeted accurately... Staff love the interventions as they fit easily into the school day and busy classroom – and have shown great results!

Woolavington Village Primary School



Leaders have implemented a very effective phonics programme. Children in early years and pupils in KS1 learn to read well. They are able to make strong links between sounds and the letters they represent. Pupils are eager to read.

Woolavington Village Primary School
OFSTED HMI report



A fantastic cost effective SSP. The simple, clear and structured digital lessons have enabled the children to learn at a good pace as well as ensuring continuity in every classroom. We love the additional opportunities for structured revision ('Mastery') and for spelling development. Training opportunities and support with ULS has been fabulous. Teachers and children love ULS!

St. Mary's Infant School

**For additional information, samples
– or help placing your Unlocking
Letters and Sounds order**

Email **orders@ransom.co.uk**

Phone **01730 829 091**

Head to **www.ransom.co.uk**

**For queries regarding training and the
delivery of the programme**

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Head to **www.unlockinglettersandsounds.com**



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