

Follifoot Farm Series 1

Information for teachers

In 2007 the Department for Education and Skills published its programme '*Letters and Sounds: Principles and Practice of High Quality Phonics*'. This programme identified six phases of phonic progression as the prime means of teaching children how to read and spell words.

The programme replaced '*Progression in Phonics*' and '*Playing with Sounds*' and made important changes to the '*National Literacy Strategy*', first implemented by the government in 1998.

Using the *NLS*, schools taught the letters of the alphabet, '*sh, ch, th*' and 45 high-frequency words in the Reception Year. They went on to blend adjacent consonants in Year 1, followed by the common spellings of the long vowel phonemes |æ|, |ee|, |ie|, |oe|, |ue|. Other vowel phonemes and their corresponding graphemes (*ar, ow, ou, er, etc.*) were not taught until Year 2.

In the new systematic synthetic phonic programme '*Letters and Sounds*', one spelling of each of the 44 phonemes, is to be taught in the Reception Year. This means that the order and the timescale for teaching phonic skills has changed.

To accommodate these changes we began by revising the *More Vowels Series*, to make the vocabulary and texts easier, and renaming it the *English Vowels Series*.

However, teachers needed more stories containing easy vowel graphemes for children to practise reading these graphemes. The new stories, set in Follifoot Farm, are the first step along this road.

Follifoot Farm

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Book no	Title	Vowel graphemes used
1	<i>Follifoot Farm</i>	ar er ee ea oo ow ou ay
2	<i>Three Sheep</i>	ar er oa ee oo or ow ou
3	<i>Lotty and the Cows</i>	ar er oa ee oo or ow ou ay ai
4	<i>The Cow in the Pond</i>	ar er ee oo oo or ow ou ay
5	<i>The Flood</i>	ar er ee ea oo oo or ow ou ay ai
6	<i>After the Flood</i>	ar er ee ea oo oo or ow ou ay ai

Vocabulary in each book:-

Book 1

Vowels: ar: farm farmyard barn farmer
er: under summer winter farmer
ay/ai: stay
ee/ea: sleep sheep see Bean
oo: Follifoot
ou/ow: out cows

Phase 2: and at a in bed kennel lets on rug is pigpen pet dog up hill
of pigs hut

Phase 3: box shed Kevin Wellington them with

Phase 4: help basket often

Tricky: they the she have go to

Shy i: Jelly Lotty family

Others: live table lambs fields kitchen

Book 2

Vowels: ar: part car startles farmer
er: farmer matter after over
oa: road

ee/ea: creep peep three sheep see keep between
oo: looks
or/oor: horn
ou/ow: out down

Phase 2: of and has a gap in at bottom on up hill panic cannot get is
back his pulls

Phase 3: Wellington Kevin push then

Phase 4: grass next munch long jump stamp lands ditch sends fetch until
mends

Tricky: the into they to comes one what

Shy i:

Others: wall fallen field find hedge baa

Book 3

Vowels: ar: start farmyard stars
er: after
oa: road
ay/ai: day again
ee/ea: creeps sees asleep
oo: too
or/oor/ore: for before
ou/ow: out down cows

Phase 2: and in kennel of can runs up has picks it gap big as is gets a

Phase 3: Kevin Wellington fox along picking them then running that huffing
puffing

Phase 4: past smell hunting stops fast just thanks

Tricky: one the she are her to come they oh no when

Shy i: Lotty lucky suddenly

Others: goes gone by hedge field watching

Book 4

Vowels: ar: starts farmyard barks farmer
er: deeper summer farmer water

ay/ai: day
ee/ea: deeper see
oo: cool moo
or/oor/ore: for
ou/ow: out without cow now

Phase 2: in a gets of is mud bottom it him ducks and his back pulls puts
big tub fills can

Phase 3: happening quack Wellington Kevin then with getting

Phase 4: pond drink steps sink soft stuck sends next

Tricky: one the she to into have go what come he her

Shy i: gently

Others: fetch goes field tractor

Book 5

Vowels: ar: farm farmyard dark farmer barn
er: deeper river water over thunder farmer
ay/ai: day rain afraid
ee/ea: deeper see Bean
oo: soon
oo: good Follifoot
or/oor/ore: storm
ou/ow: out cloud down

Phase 2: and can a hill is of big in runs off hens hut as gets top pigs
pen let level fun

Phase 3: bang chickens then rushes them with

Phase 4: crash clap sends drops fast tracks from pond until stops

Tricky: the into come to little are he they have

Shy i: Jelly

Others: goes field coming watch

Book 6

Vowels: ar: farm farmyard farmer barn start
er: corner under miserable floodwater farmer
ay/ai: away rain afraid drains

ee/ea: sees sheep tree sleep eat leads each

oo: moo too

oo: look Follifoot

or/oor/ore: storm sort for corner

ou/ow: out down cows now

Phase 2: his in and pigs big has picks up puts back pigpen mum

Phase 3: wet pushes them with then

Phase 4: stops from track still sticks

Tricky: the to he they are go into oh no little two come

Shy i:

Others: goes field by wall baa settle animals

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