

Silly Soup

A phonics game to start your week off from the FiveMinuteMum's blog (<https://fiveminutemum.com/2019/01/17/silly-soup/>), Daisy Upton has some fab ideas for helping to support knowledge of number, letter recognition and writing. Her games are mainly aimed at reception / year 1 but can be easily adapted.

Today's game is silly soup!

You will need:

- a mixing bowl and a little bowl
- A wooden spoon
- Two different coloured pieces of paper
- A pen
- A pair of scissors

This game is great for sounds recognition and also helping children to blend their sounds together.

	<u>Sounds for the one colour (e.g. white)</u>	<u>Sounds for the second colour (e.g. red)</u>
<u>Phase 2</u> (Reception)	s t p n m d g c k ck r h b f ff l ll ss	a e i o u
<u>Phase 3</u> (Reception / Year 1)	(all sounds above) j v w y z zz ch sh th ng	(all sounds above) ai ee igh oa oo ar or ur ow oi ear
<u>Phase 5</u> (Year 1 / Year 2)	(all sounds above) wh ph	(all sounds above) ay ou ie ea oy ir ue aw ew oe au ey a_e e_e i_e o_e u_e

To play Silly Soup

1. Mix up the letters in the big bowl saying "Silly soup, silly soup, we're going to make some silly soup"
2. They need to get out pieces of paper (e.g. two white and one red so they only have one 'vowel' sound).
3. Unfold the letters and form your silly word. It's more likely than not going to make a word that isn't real ZOK, KAM, DOV, PUM, Sighk, toyph etc. That's OK.
4. Help them to blend the sounds together to make the crazy word. Laugh about what it could be. Is it an alien name or a robot word?
5. When they've blended the word, write it down on a pieces of paper (this is a great way to work on letter formation too!), pop it in another little bowl and let them tip the silly soup over your head or their head. Whichever they find funnier. Now make some more silly soup!

Some ideas for how you could extend the activity:

- Sort the words created into real and alien words.
- Come up with definitions for the alien words—What's a troyk you ask? Well it's an alien's bicycle of course! Draw a picture to go with it and write a sentence about it's super powers!