



### Guidance on how to use the letter and picture tiles

Please find inside your child's book bag some matching letter and picture tiles which can be used to help your child develop his or her reading skills with some fun activities. These are part of the Floppy's Phonics teaching programme whereby the letters and sounds of the English language are systematically introduced over a number of terms for teaching reading, spelling and handwriting. These tiles can be used in a variety of ways. Some suggestions are listed below.

#### **1) Letter/s-sound recognition for reading**

Learning how to say the letter-sounds quickly and automatically is a key reading subskill. Line up all the letter tiles, point to them and ask your child to say the sounds.

#### **2) Letter/s-sound recognition for spelling**

Learning how to identify the letters as code for their sounds is a spelling sub-skill. Say each sound in turn and ask your child to listen carefully to the sound and then point to the correct letter tile.

#### **3) Building words**

Make short words with the letter tiles, e.g. sat, tip, pin. Ask your child to sound out the words and blend the sounds together to read the whole word. Encourage your child to make words using the letter tiles.