What is Synthetic Phonics?

My program is based on the world-renowned Jolly Phonics system. Jolly Phonics is a fun and child-centred approach to teaching literacy through synthetic phonics. With actions for each of the 42 letter sounds, the multi-sensory method is very motivating for children and teachers, who can see their students consistently progress.

How does Jolly Phonics work?

Using a synthetic phonics approach, Jolly Phonics teaches children the five key skills for reading and writing. They are:

Learning the letter sounds - Children are taught the 42 main letter sounds. This includes alphabet sounds as well as digraphs such as sh, th, ai and ue.

Learning letter formation - Using different multi-sensory methods, children learn how to write the letters.

Blending - Children are taught how to blend the sounds together to read and write new words.

Identifying the sounds in words (Segmenting) - Listening for the sounds in words gives children the best start for improving spelling.

Tricky words - Tricky words have irregular spellings and children learn these separately.

What letter-sound order is followed?

The sounds are taught in a specific order and not alphabetically, beginning with sounds most commonly encountered in reading. This enables children to begin building words as early as possible.

To learn more about the Jolly Phonics method, click here.