

## Instructions for using the drill cards, either through the Powerpoint tools medium or using the hardcopy Drill Card sets

The **cornerstone** of the Dcode reading programme are the drill cards. These cards both teach new skills in advance of the student using them in the books and reinforce the skills already learned, on a daily basis.

For teachers/ tutors and parents not familiar with working on the sounds, Mary has a series of videos on her YouTube channel, one per book for Dcode Books 1 to 7, and another for the Ncode book. The sounds for each of the Dcode books are covered in the video for that book.

### **Cards should be drilled prior to each lesson.**

#### **Important points to note:**

- The cards for all books get carried forward in the daily drill card set, even after completing the book, i.e, Book 1 cards are still drilled when you have moved onto Books 2, 3, 4 etc.
- Cards are introduced and drilled a book ahead of the book the student is moving onto, e.g., when you are teaching Book 4 you should be drilling with the Book 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 cards.
- The Consonant Cards for Book 1 can be dropped after Book 4 is completed, **but NO other cards are ever dropped.**
- The **Spelling Programme, Ncode**, mentions using the **drill cards**. This is only relevant if you already have the drill cards or the powerpoint tools with the drill card images and graphics. If you don't have the cards, the following are the sounds to drill prior to **spelling sessions**.
  - **Book 1 sounds, available on the video for Dcode Bk 1:**
    - **All consonant sounds except 'q', i.e.,**
      - ***b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z***
    - **the 5 short vowel sounds:**
      - ***a; e; i; o; u***

- **Book 2 sounds, available on the video for Dcode Bk 2:**
  - *ch, th, wh* and *sh*.
- **Book 3 sounds:**
  - **NONE.**
- **Book 4 sounds, available on the video for Dcode Bk 4:**
  - *qu*.
- **Book 5 sounds, available on the video for Dcode Bk 5:**
  - *all, au, aw* and *oo as in the word book*.
- **Book 6 sounds, available on the video for Dcode Bk 6:**
  - *tion, sion, er, ir, ur, ar* and *or*.
- **Book 7 sounds, available on the video for Dcode Bk 7:**
  - *ou, ow, oi, and oy*.

QRCode for Mary's YouTube channel

