

Phonics Information for Parents

An introduction to the RWI Phonics Approach

Reception 2020

Useful phonics vocabulary

phoneme the smallest unit of sound that can be heard in a word

grapheme the recorded letters representing a phoneme, e.g. ai, igh, m

CVC words consonant-vowel-consonant words, e.g. c-a-t

blend joining phonemes together to read a word

segment using phonetic knowledge to break down a word to spell it

tricky words words that cannot be segmented or blended using only phonics

digraph a phoneme made of two letters e.g. sh, ee, oi.

trigraph a phoneme made of three or more letters e.g. igh, air, eigh.

A video to explain why we teach phonics to support reading and writing

See link on school website – Understanding Phonics video for parents

Read Write Inc Approach

Read Write Inc. Phonics







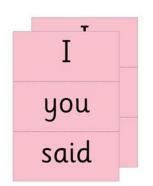
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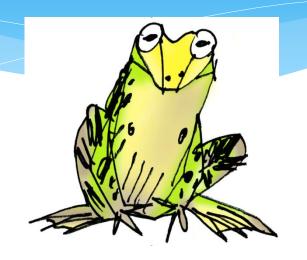
How do phonics help us read?

* Say "hello" to Fred.

Fred can only talk in sounds...

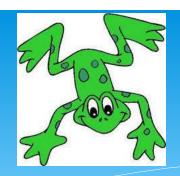


We call this Fred Talk.





Listening to sounds



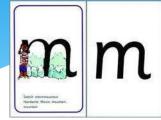
At school

- Listening activities at circle time
- * Small group listening games
- Fred talk throughout the day when giving instructions
- Fred games during phonics sessions
- * Going on a listening walk- 'What can you hear?'
- Listening to and joining in with rhyming stories
- * Playing I-Spy
- Experimenting with different musical instruments and singing

What you can do at home

- Say the pure sounds (see video)
- Play Fred Games
- * Talk like Fred at different times in the day. 'Get ready for 'b-e-d'. Do up your 'z-i-p'. Brush your t-ee-th'
- * Play listening games to tune into sounds e.g. I spy, play with musical instruments, sing songs and say nursery rhymes, listening walks.
- Videos and resources on e-Schools on Fred Games Projects

Learning the letter sounds



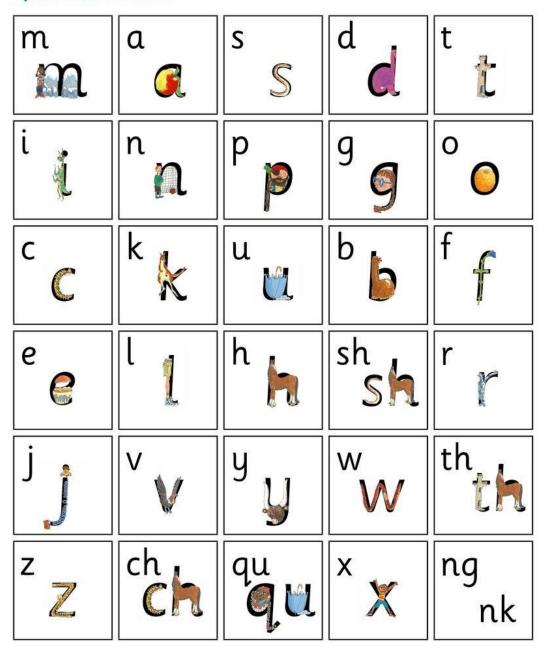


- Say the sound
- * Picture Cards
- Read the sound and picture
- * Speedy sounds
- Letter formation rhyme
- * Air writing and handwriting
- Special friends

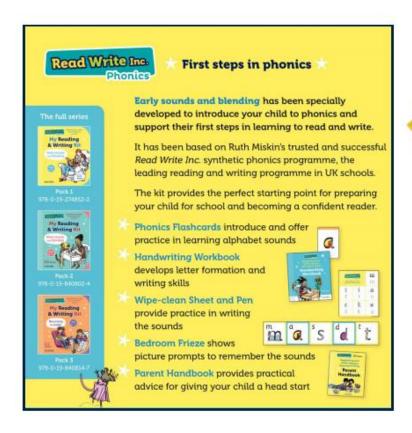


- * Practise the letter sounds
- Spot letters in the environment and in books
- Encourage your child to say the letter formation rhyme
- * RWI Parent Video practising the sounds at home
- Phonics sessions for children selfisolating
- Sounds and rhymes list and sound mat on E-Schools
- Links to Ruth Miskin and Oxford Owl

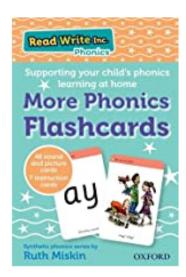
Speed Sounds Set 1











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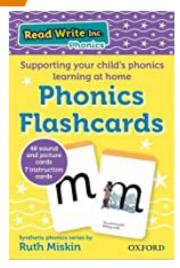
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Blending – Fred Talk

The children will begin to blend simple words e.g. s-a-t, s-i-t, m-a-t using Fred talk/sound buttons.

The children will then blend more complex words e.g. sh-i-p, l-u-n-ch, l-u-ck, s-t-r-i-ng, p-i-nk

They will be able to read hundreds of words using the following 3 methods;

Blending them aloud (Fred talk)

Blending quickly and silently as blending and sounding becomes routine (Fred in your head)

Automatically reading familiar words (including red words)



Word building to blend

Fred talk or Fred in your head

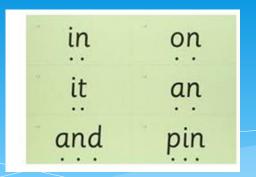


In school

- * Sound pocket chart
- * Magnetic letters
- * Letter tiles
- * Word puzzles
- * Point at each letter and say the sounds and then blend
- * C-a-t m-o-p-s sh-u-t c-l-o-ck h-a-n-d-b-a-g

- Use phonics flashcards to build words
- * Magnetic letters on the fridge
- Foam letters in the bath
- Stick letters on lego or bricks and build words. Then read the word using Fred Talk

Green words



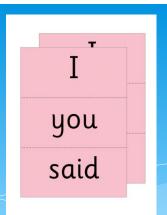
In school

- * Teacher models reading using 'fred talk' and 'say the word' pointing at the sound buttons
- Children fred talks and says the word
- * Children begin to 'fred in their head'
- Special friends

- Practise reading cvc
 words using Fred Talk and
 pressing the sound
 buttons
- Green word flashcard reading and games
- Read green words in books



Red Words



In School

- Words that can not be read using phonics skills
- * Teach red words are linked with the ditties we are reading
- Red words are displayed and we play games to practise them
- * Some words are red for a while e.g. like he me

- * Support you child when they are reading and come across a red word. Explain that this word can not be read using 'Fred talk'
- * Hunt for red words in books or environmental print.
- * Play 'snap' or 'bingo' with red words



Alien/Nonsense words



At School

- Build, read and write alien words
- Play games
- Ensures children are reading word and not guessing
- * Building towards national phonics screening at end of Year
 1 (20 real and 20 alien words)

- Making alien words with magnetic letters
- * Drawing an alien to go with the alien word they have created.
- Phonics Play game –
 Picnic on Pluto (Phase 2)
 Link on Phonics Projects

Reading Ditties and Books

Ditty 2: tag

Speed Sounds - read the sounds (not the letter name)

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Green Words - read these words by blending the sounds tagether

is dad it nan am tag

Red Words - read these words but tell your child the word if they get stuck

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dad is it

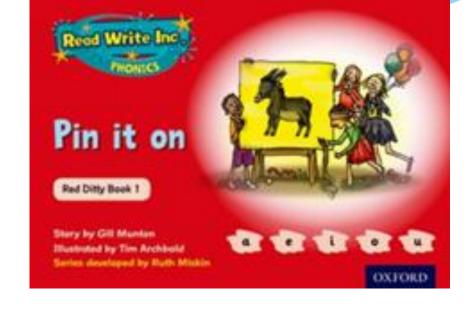
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Writing sounds and words

In School

- Emergent writing in play
- Recognisable letters and familiar words
- * Letter formation
- * Fred Fingers say the word, pinch the sounds, special friends, write it down
- * Hold sentence
- Writing starts to include known phonics sounds
- * It is fine if spelling is unconventional!



At home

- * Encourage all the writing attempts
- * Provide opportunities for writing at home cards, lists
- Name writing and Fine motor skills Projects
- Letter formation

Beyond Set 1

Speed Sounds Set 2

- Double consonants– ff, ss, ll, zz, wh
- * Set 2 sounds
- Multi-syllabic words
- Greater Fluency and 'fred in your head'
- Reading with expression

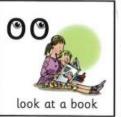


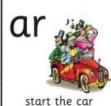




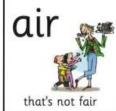




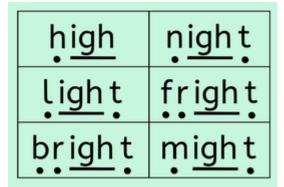


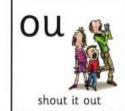














Set 1 - blending

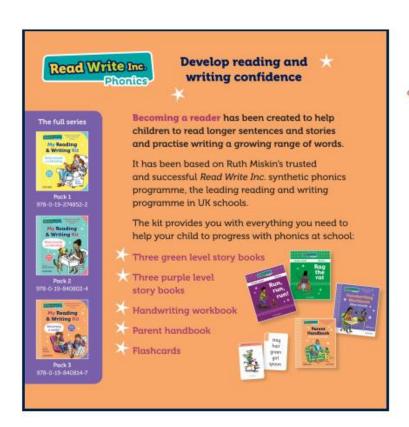






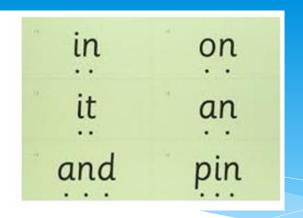
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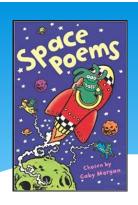
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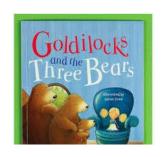


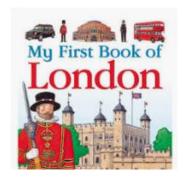
Phonics and Reading



At Hawridge and Cholesbury we aim to develop a reading community where children become confident and enthusiastic readers. For us to achieve this we need to take reading beyond the classroom. We want to create a rich reading environment where reading is encouraged by everyone and everywhere.











Feed your child language!

Talk to your child as much as possible and 'feeding' them new and different words:

"Let's eat our lunch now." "Let's munch our lunch now."

"Let's scoff our lunch now." "Let's devour our lunch now!"

Enriching conversations through description:

"Look at that rain. It looks like little diamonds sparkling on the window pane!"

Having fun with words and language. "I'm as snug as a bug in a rug"

Praise your child for using new and interesting words.

... and finally!

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss

