



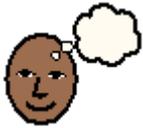
# Home Reading Information



Learning to read is the most important thing your child will learn at our school. Everything else depends on it, so we put as much energy as we possibly can into making sure that every single child learns to read as quickly as possible.

We want your child to love reading - and to want to read for themselves. This is why we put our efforts into making sure they develop a love of books as well as simply learning to read.





# What will my child bring home?

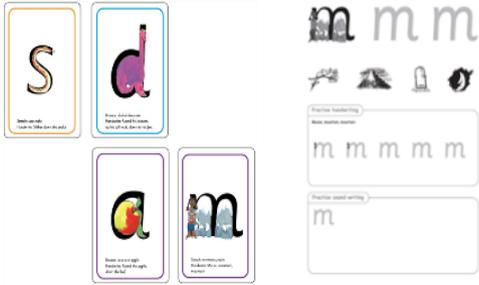
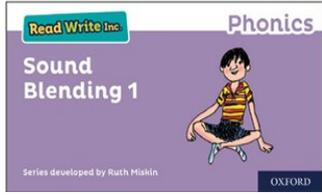


Your child will bring home a RWI wallet containing appropriate reading for their level.



- Your child needs to bring this folder in everyday
- Folders will be collected in on a Thursday
- New books will be given out on a Friday

It is important that children re-read the sounds or books over the week so they become fluent and confident readers.

<p>Children start by learning the sounds that letters make. They will bring home sound cards and worksheets to practice at home. There will also be games that you can play with your child to help them learn the sounds.</p>	
<p>Once your child knows all the sounds and can blend they will bring home a blending book.</p>	
<p>Once your child can read CVC words they will bring home 5 'ditties'. Please try and read 1 ditty a day rather than all at once.</p>	
<p>Once your child starts to read storybooks they will bring home 2 books to read over they week. They are linked to their RWI group book in school.</p>	



## Fred Talk

Fred the frog helps children read. He can say the sounds in words, but he cannot say the whole word, so children have to help him.

To help children read, Fred (the adult) says the sounds and the children say the word. e.g. c-a-n p-l-ay

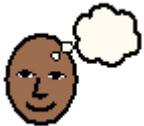
## Special friends

Special friends are a combination of 2 or 3 letters representing one sound, e.g. ch, ph, ay, igh.

## Red words

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Red words are common words with a low-frequency grapheme, that cannot be sounded out. If your child gets stuck on a red word—just tell them what it says.

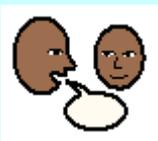


## How can I help my child?

We know parents and carers are very busy people. But if you can find time to read to your child as much as possible, it helps him or her to learn about books and stories. Show that you are interested in reading yourself and talk about reading as a family.



If your child comes stuck on a word help them by using:



**“Special friends—Fred talk—read the word”**

- We teach children to spot the special friends first, as they are the trickiest part.
- Say these first - then Fred talk the word - then say the whole word

# Useful websites



What is RWI phonics?:

<https://youtu.be/sjIPILhk7bQ>



How to say the sounds:

<https://youtu.be/TkXcabDUg7Q>



Sound Blending:

<https://youtu.be/MNyFikwNQTg>

“The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you’ll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss