

Phonics Guidance for Parents



The information in this booklet will explain the phonics teaching that your child will receive daily at school during their time in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

It also provides information on how you can help support your child's phonics development at home.

If you need clarification or would like to know more about our phonics teaching, please don't hesitate to contact the school or come into speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

KS1 & EYFS staff

What are speed sounds?

In Read Write Inc phonics the individual sounds are called 'speed sounds' - because we want your child to read them effortlessly. In Reception your child will learn the sounds below by sight. They will also learn how to blend them together to read words

e.g. c-a-t cat.

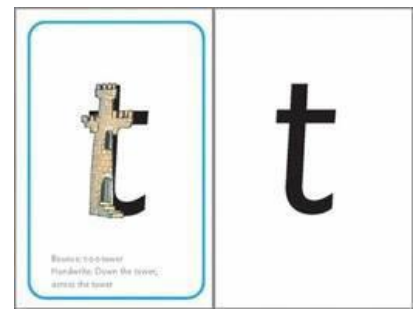
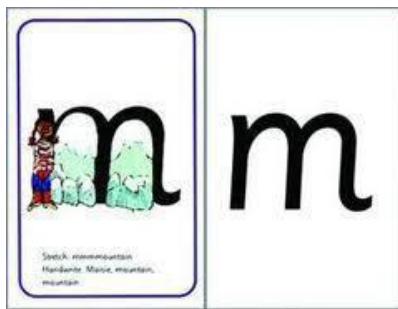
Speed Sounds Set 1

To begin with we learn a sound a day. We use pure sounds so that your child will be able to blend the sounds into words more easily.

Letter-sound pictures are used to help your child learn these sounds quickly.

e.g. mmaaisie mmmountain is morphed into m

t-t-t-tower is morphed into t



Set 1 sounds are taught in the following order:

m a s d t, i n p g o, c k u b, f e l h sh, r j v y w, th z ch qu x
ng nk

Sound-blending

For each word your child will be taught to 'sound out' the word and then to blend the sounds together, e.g p-a-n pan, c-l-a-p clap. In school we refer to this as Fred talk as we use a green frog to help pupils learn their sounds.

To watch videos on pronunciation and how we teach sounds this is available on the following website:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/read-write-inc-phonics--1/>

Speed Sounds Sets 2 and 3: The long vowels

Once your child knows all Set 1 sounds by sight and sound and uses them to blend to read words, we start teaching Set 2 initially and then Set 3 long vowel sounds. Your son/daughter will need to learn that most vowel sounds have more than one spelling. E.g. a-e ay and ai.



Set 2 and 3 sounds are diagraphs, they are taught as special friends, and they are two letters that make 1 sound.

Sound blending

When your child begins to learn special friends (diagraphs) they will be taught to say the special friends first then blend for example with the word snow they will learn to identify and say the sound 'ow' then sound out s-n-ow and blend to read snow.

When your child begins to learn set 2 sounds, resources will be sent home to support your child. If you would like any additional resources or have any queries, please come into to discuss this with your child's teacher.

Resources for home use

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/read-write-inc-phonics--1/>

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFqZcj-GH0dkMApIHrq_i7w

These are great websites that have lots of useful information on them to help you to support your child's reading development.