

# Reading at Home

Your child is learning to read with **Read Write Inc. Phonics**, a very popular and successful literacy programme. The guide shows how you can support your child when reading at home.

Your child will learn to read in a very simple way.

- 1) Read letters by their sounds.
- 2) Blend these sounds into words.
- 3) Read the words in the text.

Before you start supporting your child at home, visit [ruthmiskin.com/parents](http://ruthmiskin.com/parents) to practise saying the sounds. There are 19 supporting videos, just focus on the video named 'How to say the sounds' to get you started. The more clearly you say the sounds, the more quickly your child will learn them.

Important: We say 'mmmmmm' not 'muh' and 'llll' not 'luh' when teaching the sounds. This really helps children when they learn to blend the sounds together to read words.

The children will learn to read following the steps below. It is important that you work alongside school and only focus on the sounds your child is being taught.

## Set 1 speed sounds written with one letter

m	a	s	d	t	i	n	p	g	o	c	k	u	b	f	e	l	h	r	j	v	y	w	z	x
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Set 1 sounds written with two letters. We call these special friends.

sh	th	ch	qu	ng	nk	ck
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The children then start to read words containing these sounds, by sound blending, e.g. m-a-t mat, c-a-t cat, g-o-t got, f-i-sh fish, s-p-o-t spot

*You can watch the video 'Sound Blending'*

## Set 2 speed sounds

ay	ee	igh	ow	oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy
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The children then start to read words containing these sounds, by sound blending.

## Set 3 speed sounds

ea	oi	a-e	i-e	o-e	u-e	a-w	are	ur	er	ow	ai	oa	ew	ire	ear	ure
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## Reading Words with Fred

Once your child can read set 1 speed sounds confidently, they will learn to read words. The children will be introduced to a toy frog called Fred. Fred can only say sounds in a word and needs your child to help him read the word. So, when you hear your child say 'Fred Talk', you'll know this means sounding out a word.



## How to listen to your child read

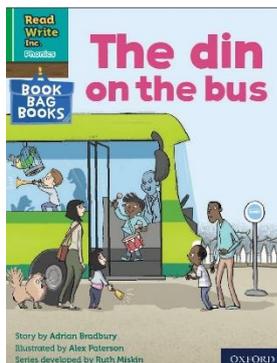
- First ask your child to read the book out loud to you.
- Ask your child to read the sounds and words before they read the story.
- When your child reads the story, ask them to use Fred talk to sound out the words that they can't read automatically.
- Do not allow your child to struggle too much.
- Read back each sentence or page to keep the plot moving. Your child's energy is going into reading the words, so they will need help understanding the story.
- Do not ask your child to guess the words using the pictures – they need to use Fred talk.
- Do it all with patience and love. The more you enjoy this, the more your child will.
- Remember to record the times you read with your child in their planner.



### Reading Storybooks at home

As soon as your child starts to read the Read Write Inc Storybooks, they will bring home a black and white storybook. This is a copy of the colour version that they have read in school. There are activities for you to do with your child at the front of the book: Speed Sounds (consonants and vowels); Story Green Words and Red Words.

Your child will have read this story at least three times in school, so should be able to read the storybook confidently. Please continue to re-read this storybook at home to increase your child's reading fluency so they are able to read at a consistent pace. **It is important to note that their reading book will only be changed once we have read the next storybook at least three times in school.**



### Reading Book Bag Books at home

Your child may also bring home a Read Write Inc Book Bag Book. This book builds upon the ideas and many of the words in the storybook they have just read. Your child will need more support in reading this book.

### Reading library books at home

Your child may also bring a library book home. This has been chosen independently by your child. The library book is to promote reading for pleasure, and this starts with adults. So please find a quiet time just before bed to read this book to your child.