

Glossary

Fred Talk – sounding out the word before reading (blending)

sound-blending – putting sounds together to make a word,
e.g. c–a–t *cat*

special friends – sounds written with more than one letter,
e.g. *sh, ng, qu, ch*

Speed Sounds – the individual sounds that make up words



Read stories to your child with feeling! The more you love the story, the more your child will love reading.

www.ruthmiskin.com/parents has many videos to help you help your child.

For more information on *Read Write Inc.*, please talk to the *Read Write Inc.* manager in your child's school or visit www.readwriteinc.com.

OXFORD
UNIVERSITY PRESS

How to get in touch:

web www.oxfordprimary.co.uk
email primary.enquiries@oup.com
tel. +44 (0) 1536 452610
fax +44 (0) 1865 313472

Read Write Inc.

Phonics

Reading at home Booklet 2

Your child is learning to read with *Read Write Inc.* **Phonics**, a very popular and successful literacy programme. This **second booklet** shows you how you can get your child off to a quick start.

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

He or she will learn to:

1. Read **letters** by their 'sounds'
2. Blend these sounds into **words**
3. Read the words in a **story**.



OXFORD

How will my child learn to read?

Your child will already have learnt to read:

- Set 1 Speed Sounds: these are 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 and sounds written with two letters
(your child will call these 'special friends'): **sh th ch**
qu ng nk ck
- 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*, b-e-s-t *best*, s-p-l-a-sh *splash*
- Blending Books and Red, Green and Purple Storybooks.

Now, he or she will learn to read:

- Set 2 Speed Sounds: **ay ee igh ow oo oo ar or**
air ir ou oy
- Words containing these sounds
- Pink, Orange and Yellow Storybooks.

Next, he or she will learn to read:

- Set 3 Speed Sounds: **ea oi a-e i-e o-e u-e aw**
are ur er ow ai oa ew ire ear ure
- Words containing these sounds
- Blue and Grey Storybooks.

How to listen to your child read



- Do not read the book aloud before your child reads it to you.
- Ask your child to read the sounds and words before he or she reads the story.
- When your child reads the story, ask him or her to sound out the words that he or she can't read automatically. Don't allow your child to struggle too much. Praise your child when he or she succeeds.
- Read back each sentence or page to keep the plot moving. (Your child's energy is going into reading the words not the story.)
- Do not ask your child to guess the word by using the pictures.
- Do it all with patience and love!

We have a storytime every day at school so children develop a love of stories. We hope that you will do the same by reading a bedtime story to your child every night. We have wonderful books in school for you to borrow.

Storybooks

Your child will bring home a *Read Write Inc. Storybook*. This is a copy of the version he or she will have read at school.

Your child will have read this story three times with their reading teacher, so should be able to read the story confidently.

A brief explanation of how to follow the activities is included in the books.



Book Bag Books

Your child may also bring home a Book Bag Book. Your child will need more support in reading this book.



Your child will bring home their Read Write Inc. book every Wednesday and keep this until the following Monday.

Please return it the following Monday.

The book will be changed after our 3 phonics sessions in school (the book will always come home on a Wednesday). They will bring a different book home weekly.

This should give you plenty of time for your child to share the book with you.

Here are some key activities to do with your child when they bring home their RWI book.

- Encourage your child to read with a 'storyteller voice'.
- Practice the speed sounds.
- Play games with the 'Red words' grid.
- Ask your child the questions that are given at the end of the story.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Valentine

