

READ WRITE INC INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

What is phonics?

Phonics is a method of teaching reading by matching sounds to letters and groups of letters. The English alphabetic writing system has only 26 letters to write the 44 English speech sounds. This means the same letter, or groups of letters, can represent more than one sound, e.g. 'a' as in 'cat' can also be used to write the sound 'ay' in 'angel'.

Before children can start to read, they need to learn to:

- Say the sound that is represented by each letter or group of letters.
- 'Sound-out' words, e.g. c-a-t, sh-i-p, s-t-o-p.

Pure Sounds

When teaching children to say the sounds, it's important to say the pure sounds. This means that we say mmmm not muh and llll not luh. This will really help children when they come to join sounds together to read words, because it is easier to put m-a-t together to make mat than 'muh-a-tuh'.

A slight uh cannot be helped when saying the sounds b, d, g, j, w and y.

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

Above is the link that demonstrates the correct pronunciation of sounds – this is essential practice that we should be following at all times to ensure no bad habits occur.

Should we teach letter names?

Teach children the alphabet song, so they will know the letter names when Reception and Year 1 class teachers use letter names for spellings. However, do not use letter names in phonics lessons. When you show children a letter, you need them to react quickly by saying the associated sound and not the letter name. This will make blending sounds into words much easier.

Read Write Inc – Principles for Learning

The two videos below show you how to teach a speed sound lesson as well as blending!

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=read+write+inc+signals&&view=detail&mid=9846E77A41EDB1FE1BFB9846E77A41EDB1FE1BFB&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dread%2520write%2520inc%2520signals%26qs%3Dn%26form%3DQBVR%26sp%3D-1%26pq%3Dread%2520write%2520inc%2520signals%26sc%3D1-22%26sk%3D%26cvid%3D706BBC1EDCC74F4196BA492027D30AF0>

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How to organise your phonics lesson in Nursery

Choose a time of the day when children are at their most alert. 15 minutes is about the right length of time to keep everyone focused, though don't stop if you're all having fun.

If you spot children who do not join in, take them to one side later in the day and repeat the lesson.

Fred Talk

Fred is a small toy frog used in Read Write Inc. Fred can only speak in sounds, so he needs children to say the words for him.

I always play these games at the end of my Read Write Inc lessons before I move onto blending and reading simple CVC words e.g. cat, dog.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=read+write+inc+fred+talk+games&&view=detail&mid=F50B6114E9A9D8ECF3ABF50B6114E9A9D8ECF3AB&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dread%2Bwrite%2Binc%2Bfred%2Btalk%2Bgames%26FORM%3DAWVR>

I have attached a simple speed sound lesson plan for anybody who would like to try this out I have also attached some ideas for Fred Talk Games.

I hope these help 😊

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