Read, Write, Inc
Phonics
Information for Parents


## Teaching Reading at Teagues Bridge Primary

At Teagues Bridge Primary we use a phonics approach to teach reading. Children take part in a Read, Write, Inc. Phonics lessons each day, and during this lesson children learn sounds, apply these sounds to reading and spelling and carry out reading comprehension and writing activities.

Beginning in reception, children learn the phonics sounds in 3 sets, once they are secure with one set, they move onto the next. They are taught in the following order:

Set I sounds
$m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c, k, u, b, f, e, l, h, s h, r, j, v, y, w, t h, z, c h, q, x, n g, n k$ Set 2 sounds
ay, ee, igh, ow, 00, 00, ar, or, air, ir, ou, oy
Set 3 sounds
ea, oi, a-e, i-e, o-e, u-e, aw, are, ur, er, ow, ai, oa, ew, ire, ear, ure

## Word Time - Green Words

Green words are words that children can 'segment and blend' (sound out). Children are taught to read words by sounding them out and this is called 'Fred Talk'. Fred Talk has three stages and children work through each stage with a set of words each day to build their fluency. These strategies are detailed below and can be used when reading at home;

## Fred out loud

Children sound out the word and say the word. For example;
"d-0-g-dog"

## Fred in head

Children sound the word out in their head and say the word out loud. For example;
" $f-r-0-g$ " (in head) "frog" (out loud)

## Speedy Read

Children read the words out loud without sounding them out. For example;
"chip, stop, get"

Word time - red words
Red words are words that can not be sounded out. For example 'the' and 'your'. To learn these words, children learn to read them on sight by constantly reviewing and reading red word cards so that they begin to recognise them in text. Red words are the words that they bring home for homework each week.

## Structure of the programme

The programme follows the following structure. Children move on a stage once they are confident at each level.

| Croup | Teaching Focus |
| :---: | :---: |
| $a / b$ | Learning of set I sounds and how to write them. |
| c | Review of set I sounds, segment and blending to read and spell cvc words. |
| Ditty | Review of set I sounds, reading words with set I sounds and spelling words with set I sounds. |
| Red | Review of set I sounds, reading words with set I sounds and spelling words with set I sounds. |
| Green | Review set I sounds and reading them in books. Learning set 2 sounds and using them to read and spell words. |
| Purple | Review set I sounds and reading them in books. Learning set 2 sounds and using them to read and spell words. |
| Pink | Review of set 2 sounds and reading them in books. Learning of set 3 sounds and reading and spelling words with them. |
| Orange | Review of set 2 sounds and reading them in books. Learning of set 3 sounds and reading and spelling words with them. |
| Yellow | Review of set 3 sounds, developing fluency and inference skills. |
| Blue | Review of set 3 sounds, developing fluency and inference skills. |
| Grey | Review of set 3 sounds, developing fluency and inference skills. |

Letter formation rhymes
When teaching children the initial sounds (set I) we use rhymes to help them remember how to form each letter and the sound it makes. A list of the rhymes we use to help children form each letter are below for you to use at home too;

| Letter | Rhyme | Letter | Rhyme |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $a$ | round the apple, down the leaf | $n$ | down Nobby and over his net |
| b | down the laces, to the heel and around the toe | 0 | all around the orange |
| c | curl around the caterpillar | p | down the pirates plait and around his face |
| d | round the dinosaurs bottom, up his tall neck and down to his feet | $q$ | round her head, up past her earings and down her hair |
| e | lift off the top and scoop out the egg | $r$ | down his back and then curl over his arm |
| $f$ | down the stem and draw the leaves | $s$ | slither down the snake |
| 9 | round the girl's face, down her hair and give her a curl | t | down the tower, across the tower |
| h | down the horses head, to the hooves and over his back | u | down and under the umbrella, up to the top and draw the puddle |
| i | over the insects body and a dot for the head | v | down a wing, up a wing |
| J | down his body, curl and dot | w | down, up, down, up |
| k | down the kangaroo's body, tail and leg | x | down the arm and leg and repeat on the other side |
| $l$ | down the long leg | y | down a horn, up a horn and under his head |
| m | Maisie, mountain, mountain | z | zig-zag-zig |

## Set 2 and 3 sound rhymes

When the children are learning set 2 and 3 sounds, we teach them rhyme to help them remember the different sounds each one makes. Below is a list of the sound rhymes that children will use to help them remember the sounds when sounding out.

| Sound | Rhyme | Sound | Rhyme |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ay | May I play? | igh | Fly high |
| ee | What can you see? | ow | Blow the snow |
| 00 | Poo at the zoo | 00 | Look at a book |
| ar | Start the car | or | Shut the door |
| air | That's not fair | ir | Whirl and twirl |
| ou | Shout it out | oy | Toy for a boy |
|  |  |  |  |
| $e a$ | Cup of tea | oi | Spoil the boy |
| $a-e$ | Make a cake | i-e | Nice smile |
| o-e | Phone home | $u-e$ | Huge brute |
| aw | Yawn at dawn | are | Care and share |
| ur | Nurse with a purse | er | A better letter |
| ow | Brown cow | ai | Snail in the rain |
| oa | Goat in $a$ boat | $e w$ | Chew the stew |
| ire | Fire, fire! | ear | Hear with your ear |
| ure | Sure it's pure |  |  |

## Red words

Red words are words that we can not decode. Children learn to read these words on sight and needs to practice reading and spelling these words regularly to become confident with them. The red words are:

| I | the | you | your | said |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| was | are | of | want | what |
| they | to | do | does | all |
| call | tall | small | many | any |
| one | anyone | some | come | watch |
| who | where | there | here | were |
| brother | other | mother | father | love |
| above | two | once | buy | worse |
| walk | talk | bought | caught | through |
| thought | whole | wear | could | would |
| should | great | ball | everyone | son |
|  | water | their | people |  |

## Glossary of Terms

| Term | Meaning |
| :---: | :---: |
| Phoneme | A single unit of sound |
| Grapheme | The letters we use to make a sound |
| Digraph | Two letters that make one sound eg: th |
| Trigraph | Three letters that make one sound eg: air |
| Segment | Separate a word into sounds |
| Blend | Two or more letters making one sounds together to make a word |
| Special friends | Segmenting and blending to read a word |
| Fred talk | Segmenting and blending to spell a word |
| Fred fingers | 'Tricky' words that can not be sounded out |
| Red words |  |

