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Read Write Inc Phonics Parent/Carer Information Meeting

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What is phonics?



All words are made up of individual **sounds**. These sounds are blended together to form words.

In 'mat' we have the sounds 'm', 'a', 't', ship – 'sh', 'i', 'p'.

mat

ship



Why is it so complicated?



The English language has...

44 sounds

26 letters

However, we have over 150 ways to represent the 44 sounds using the 26 letters! Making the English alphabetic code is one of the most complex in the world.



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How do we teach phonics at St Cuthbert's?



<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/#lg=1&slide=2>





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Set 1 and 2



Read Write Inc, Phonics makes learning to read easy for children because we start by teaching them just one way of reading and writing every sound.

Consonant sounds – stretchy

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| f | l | m | n | r | s | v | z | sh | th | ng | nk |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|

Consonant sounds – bouncy

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|----|
| b | c | d | g | h | j | p | qu | t | w | x | y | ch |
| | k | | | | | | | | | | | |

Here is an example of the set 1 and 2 sounds that the children learn first.

Vowel sounds – bouncy

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|----|
| a | e | i | o | u | ay | ee | igh | ow |
|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|----|

Vowel sounds – stretchy

Vowel sounds – stretchy

| | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|
| oo | oo | ar | or | air | ir | ou | oy |
|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|

Pure Sounds



Children need to know sounds – not letter names – to read words.

We aim to eliminate the 'uh' at the end of the sound. This is called a 'schwa' sound.

We say 'c' 'a' 't' rather than cuh a tuh.

Let's have a go!

(MTYT)



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Set 3



Consonant sounds

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| f | l | m | n | r | s | v | z | sh | th | ng |
| ff | ll | mm | nn | rr | ss | ve | zz | ti | | nk |
| ph | le | mb | kn | wr | se | | s | ci | | |
| | | | | | c | | se | | | |
| | | | | | ce | | | | | |

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|----|----|----|----|---|-----|----|----|----|----|---|---|-----|
| b | c | d | g | h | j | p | qu | t | w | x | y | ch |
| bb | k | dd | gg | | g | pp | | tt | wh | | | tch |
| | ck | | | | ge | | | | | | | |
| | ch | | | | dge | | | | | | | |

Vowel sounds

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|----|---|---|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| a | e | i | o | u | ay | ee | igh | ow |
| | ea | | | | <u>a-e</u> | <u>e-e</u> | <u>i-e</u> | <u>o-e</u> |
| | | | | | ai | y | ie | oa |
| | | | | | | ea | i | o |
| | | | | | | e | y | |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| oo | oo | ar | or | air | ir | ou | oy | ire | ear | ure |
| <u>u-e</u> | | | oor | are | ur | ow | oi | | | |
| ue | | | ore | | er | | | | | |
| ew | | | aw | | | | | | | |
| | | | au | | | | | | | |

Once children know how to read Set 2 sounds, they start to learn Set 3 sounds. These are different ways to read and spell Set 2 sounds.

We call these Set 3 sounds, but actually, they are the same sounds as in Set 2 but with a different spelling.

Sounds containing two or more letters are called special friends.



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Blending



Alongside teaching children sounds, we teach them to blend sounds to read words e.g. When we see the letters s-a-t we can blend them together to make 'sat'.



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Meet Fred!



Fred helps children learn to blend sounds into a word. He can only speak in sounds; we call this Fred talk! He says d-o-g, h-a-t etc.

He says the sounds c-a-t, and then children help him to say the word.



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Fred fingers and spelling



We use Fred Fingers to help children sound out words to spell easily.
It is a tool so they will be able to spell any word.

When the children are trying to spell a word, they hold up how many
sounds they can hear in that word.

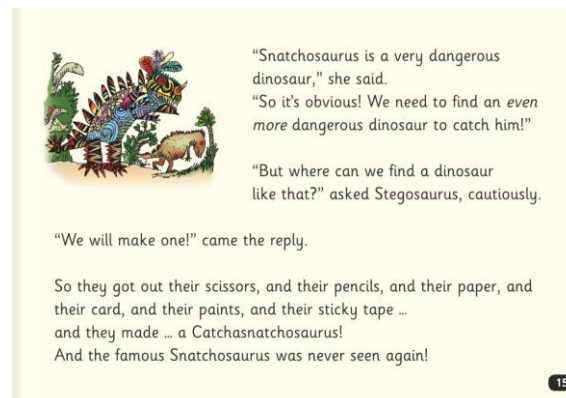


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Reading books



Children read Read Write Inc storybooks that match the sounds they can read three times in class with their partner. Once they have read it three times in school, we send the book home to read with you.



Your child will also bring home a 'reading for pleasure book' of their choosing.



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Special friends

Fred Talk



The children will be able to read all the words in the storybooks they bring home.



If they get stuck on a word, remind them to look for the 'special friends' first – those are the sounds with more than one letter, in this case 'sh'. Then remind them to 'Fred talk' meaning to break the word down into sounds, sh-i-p.



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Red words

Some words are tricky because they have letters that don't match the sounds that the children have been taught.



This is Red Hat Rob.



"I will grab that cash box," he said.

said

We teach these common exception words as Red words. In the early Storybooks, these words are printed in red text.

Remind your child not to use Fred Talk to read Red words but instead to stop and think if they know the word. Tell them the word if needed.



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Help at home



Each week, we will send home film links via DOJO to lessons that match the sounds and words your child has been learning in school.

Read Write Inc. Phonics Virtual Classroom: Set 1

By accessing the resources you accept the [Terms Of Use](#)

Set 1 with Elly and Fred
25 resources

| | | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Set 1 - m | Set 1 - a | Set 1 - s | Set 1 - d |
| Set 1 - n | Set 1 - p | Set 1 - g | Set 1 - o |
| Set 1 - u | Set 1 - b | Set 1 - f | Set 1 - e |

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/KiFBjk3d/UHsy7kqc>

There are online lessons to support children at every stage of the Read Write Inc. Phonics programme.



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Help at home



1. Use pure sounds rather than letter names.
2. Use Fred Talk to help your child to read and spell words.
3. Listen to your child read their Storybook every day.
4. Watch the Virtual Classroom films together.
5. Read stories to your child every day.





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Links to online resources



Ruth Miskin Parents' Page:

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>

Ruth Miskin Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education>

Free e-books for home reading:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>