



Dear Parents/Carers,

In Reception this week we introduced our Read Write Inc Phonics scheme to the children. For the first four weeks children learn the sounds for each letter. The children will then be assessed and at this point we will group the children based on the letter sounds that they already know.

This week your child has been learning the letter sounds m, a, s. Below are some video links to show you exactly how we teach each sound in class. At the end of each week we will send you the links for the sounds we have taught that week so you can watch these with your child at home and further embed their learning. Please note these links will only be valid for ten days. For those children who already know some of these sounds it is a good opportunity to learn the specific routines of our programme, and to develop the writing of each sound.

Letter m reading: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/qgJPPgn6/YPBoEfr>

Letter m writing: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/TRe2C31w/QaGwM47v>

Letter a reading: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ViZb6IOU/uKdN3Zbw>

Letter a writing: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/fusXkisg/F1FaWzIH>

Letter s reading: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/C8zFIdSu/19r4WJBT>

Letter s writing: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CXwByXRR/e1IKpOw3>



In our Phonics sessions the children have also been introduced to a little frog called Fred. We explain to the children that Fred is special because he can only talk in sounds. We call this 'Fred Talk.' In each of our lessons Fred will talk to the children in Fred Talk e.g. he will say to them c-a-t and the children try to blend his sounds together to say the word cat. We call this oral blending and this is an important skill in early reading. The link below shows you an example of a game you can play with your child at home to help them practise this skill.

Fred says blending game: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/QJMrb5IT/oBcmbh3X>

We hope you find these videos helpful and please remember our door is always open if you do have any further questions about how your child is learning to read and write. Alongside these videos at home we also recommend that you develop a good reading routine with your child. This means sharing story books together at a time that suits you and your child on a daily basis and reading them with enthusiasm to help your child develop a love for reading. It is always great to return to their favourite books and read them again and again. You can talk together about the pictures and introduce your child to new vocabulary as you read together.

There are also some useful video tutorials on the Read Write Inc website to further support you with ways you can help your child with their reading at home: You can find them by following this link: www.ruthmiskin.com. Once you are on the home page you will then need to click the 'Home Reading' tab. You should then be able to select the videos you wish to view.

Thank you for your support, it makes a huge difference to your child's progress.

The Reception Team