



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, we are now using the Read Write Inc. phonics programme in school.

Before your child can start to read, they need to learn to say the sound that is represented by each letter or groups of letters. These are called 'speed sounds'.

They also need to know how to blend the sounds together in a word to read it e.g. c-a-t -> cat. This is called 'sound-blending'.

In Read Write Inc. phonics the individual sounds are called 'speed sounds' – because we want your child to read them effortlessly.

Your child is currently learning Speed Sounds Set 1. They will be taught all the single letter sounds and oral blending skills for CVC (consonant – vowel – consonant) words. The children learn a sound a day.

When your child learns their Set 1 sounds in school they will learn:

- the letters that represent a speed sound e.g. 'm'
- and a simple picture prompt linked to the 'speed sound' and a short phrase to say e.g. 'Maisie mountain mountain'.

Set 1 Sounds are taught in the following order - **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 u x n g n k**

To support your child at home, please use the resources their teacher has sent to you (booklet, videos and ebooks).

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Buckle

Reading Leader