Read Write Inc guidance for Parents

The following website will advise and support you with saying the sounds: https://youtu.be/TkXcabDUq7Q

When we are practising / learning phonics, Fred the Frog helps the children to read and spell. He can say the sounds in words but cannot say the whole word so the children 'help' him.

Fred Talk - We use the term Fred Talk to mean reading (blending) the sounds in a word to read that word. So cat is c-a-t. We use 'Fred Fingers' to count the sounds as we go. For c-a-t we would expect the children to use three fingers pressing the sound (finger) as they read.

Green Words are words that can be read using Fred Talk

Red Words are words that cannot be sounded out and need to be learnt by sight (other phonics schemes refer to these as 'tricky' words).

How to practise Fred Talk with your child

Read a green word to your child using Fred Talk (saying the sounds). Your child should blend the pounds to tell you the word. E.g. you say - 'c-a-t', your child responds - 'cat'.

Then change roles, ask your child to Fred Talk the word (tell you the sounds) for you to respond with the whole word. E.g your child says 'd-o-g', you respond with 'dog'. It is important that your child can do this orally before they begin to read and write the sounds.

Encourage your child to count the sounds on their fingers as they go and then repeat it back to them also counting out each sound on one finger. Ask questions such as 'how many sounds were in that word?' and 'what was the initial sound (the first sound) of that word?'

Set 1 Sounds

Your child will start with the following set of sounds (this will be revision for Year 1 children). There are three sets of sounds taught.

Set 1 sounds are taught in the following order:

m as d tinpgockubfelhrjvywzx sh th ch qu ng nk

Set 1 Red Words

Here are the Set 1 Red Words that you can use to practise reading or spelling with your child. Remember that you cannot use Fred Talk to read or spell a red word, your child will need to learn them by sight.

I	the	my	you	said
your	are	be	of	no

Set 1 Green Words

Here are the Set 1 Green Words that you can use to practise reading or spelling with your child. Remember to encourage your child to Fred Talk (say the sounds).

at	it	tip	bin	bad	hit	jog	web
mat	an	pan	cat	fan	hen	jet	win
mad	and	gap	cot	fun	ship	jam	wish
sad	pin	dig	can	fat	shop	vet	wet
dad	pat	top	kit	lip	fish	yap	sock
sat	got	bed	mud	log	red	yes	
in	dog	met	up	let	run	yet	
on	sit	get	cup	had	rat	yum	

Set 1 Green Words

These green words are a little harder. Make sure that your child is confident with the words on the previous page before practising these. We will be working towards reading all of these words fluently throughout the Autumn term.

thin	quiz	wing	drip	ticket
thick	fox	bell	send	robin
this	box	well	dress	
zag	fix	huff	frog	
zip	six	mess	gran	
chin	sing	think	stamp	
chop	bang	blob	strop	
chat	thing	brat	stand	