

# Phonics - Read, Write Inc.

We use Read Write Inc. phonics to learn our letter sounds. You can watch a video about how to pronounce the different sounds we will learn at:  
<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/>

## Useful phonics websites

Here are a few websites that you might like to explore with your child:

**Alphablocks** - lots of videos and games to help with recognising letters and reading. We watch Alphablocks in school so your child might recognise some of these already!

**Phoneme pop!** - the sounds/letters drift by on bubbles and your child has to pop the matching sound!

**Letters and sounds initial sound game** - this game lets your child reveal a sound/letter and then try to find the picture that starts with the same sound.

**BBC bitesize** - this game allows your child to listen to the sounds in a word and to pick the correct letter. Then they can see what word they have made with all of the sounds together.

**Phonics play** - there are several free games to play that will help your child with their blending and segmenting.

## Green Words

During our Read Write Inc sessions we practise our reading skills by reading 'Green Words'. These are words that are decodable because they only contain sounds that your child will be able to recognise. The children will meet Fred during our sessions. Fred is a frog who cannot read words as we can but says everything in sounds, or 'Fred Talk'.

The children will learn to sound out or 'Fred Talk' each sound whilst pointing underneath the letters, then to blend the sounds to make the word. If your child knows words on sight they can read them without sounding out and this is an important progression in their reading.

## Red Words

In the Read, Write, Inc. scheme 'red words' are used to help the children recognise the fact that there are words that are tricky to read because you can not sound them out in the normal way. With your child, look for the parts of each word that they can sound out normally and then identify the parts that are tricky! Your child needs to be able to read these words on sight.