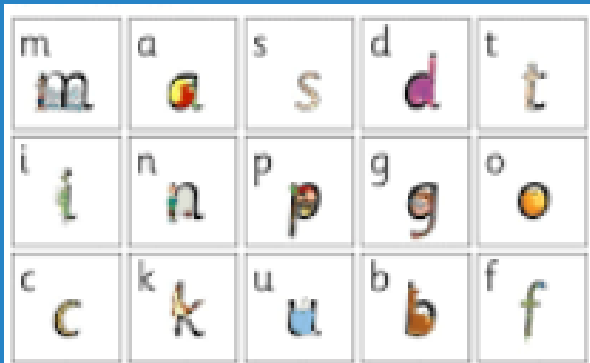




EYFS Phonics Workshop

Friday 16th October 2026

What is Phonics and what has my child learnt so far?



The children have been developing their sound awareness through rhyme and alliteration, copying sound patterns and distinguishing different sounds in the environment.

They have been developing their oral blending through 'Fred talk' and 'Fred Fingers'

They have practiced forming the letters in sand, paintbrushes, rice, lentils, porridge oats, on whiteboards and with pencils.

Your child has been taught the first 11 speed sounds following the RWi phonics scheme.

These are some of the sounds your child will learn

Read Write Inc. Phonics Desktop Speed Sounds Chart

Speed Sounds Set 1

m 	a 	s 	d 	t 
i 	n 	p 	g 	o 
c 	k 	u 	b 	f 
e 	l 	h 	r 	j 
v 	y 	w 	z 	x 
sh 	th 	ch 	qu 	ng 

Why is 'Fred Talk' important?

- Children recognise and speak words as whole units e.g. mat, bag
- They need to be taught words made up of those sounds (phonemes)

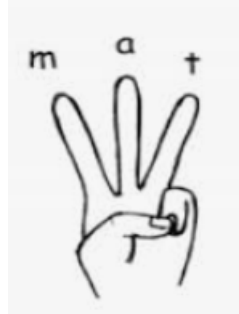
➤ For example,

m – a – t >>>>> mat

b - a - g >>>>> bag

How do we teach reading (blending)

- Flashcard - showing sound cards daily
- Identify how many sounds there are in the words
- We use 'Fred Fingers'



- We pinch our fingers in order

How we help the children write in Reception

- Say the word and stretch the sounds
- Use magnetic letters
- Focus on letter formation using the 'letter formation rhymes'
- In small groups children practise with pencil and paper

How You Can Help at Home

- Watch the video showing 'pure sounds' [Pure Sounds Video](#)
- 'Fred talk' instructions- *"Can you get your b/a/g?"*
- Play games to develop your child's sound awareness, for example 'I spy with my little eye'
- Watch 'Mr. Thorne Does Phonics' videos
- Play Hangman
- Make up simple CVC words of the sounds learned so far and use Fred Fingers to read the word.

How can you help with 'sight words'

- Write the word on a card and ask your child to find the word
- Get your child to write them out
- When reading at home, 'Can you spot the word...?'

Resources - Games and Links

Word building: scrabble, Orchard toys, magnetic letters, rhyming families.

➤ Blending games:

➤ <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

➤ <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/phonics/balloon-phonics-cvc-game>

➤ <https://readingeggs.co.uk/bing/branded>

Resources - Links

RWI Information for parents:

➤ <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

This can be found by searching for 'Oxford Owl Phonics Pure Sounds Video'

[RWi Set 1 sounds video](#)

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Any Questions?

Thank you for coming
Thank you for your support
and partnership!