



Partnership with Families: Phonics Screening Check



The more graphemes children learn to read and write, the more words they will be able to read and spell, and, as they decode unfamiliar words, they encounter new vocabulary.

The reading framework
Teaching the foundations of literacy
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Today I want to help you understand more about the Phonics Screening Check – a word reading test that all Year 1s undertake in June.

This year's test will take place in the week commencing Monday 8th June 2026.

Accurate word-reading at six is a good predictor of future reading success.

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- A word-reading test at the end of Year 1
- Children read 40 words
- The test is not timed and children will read to an adult that they know (usually their class teacher)
- The pass mark is currently 32 words. If children do not meet this standard, they will continue to receive extra support and will retake the test in Year 2.

The complex code

Consonant sounds

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz	ti		nk
ph	le	mb	kn	wr	se		s	ci		
					c		se			
					ce					

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
bb	k	dd	gg		j	pp		tt	wh			tch
	ck				g							
	ch				ge							
					dge							

Vowel sounds

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea				<u>a-e</u>	<u>e-e</u>	<u>i-e</u>	<u>o-e</u>
					ai	y	ie	oa
						ea	i	o
						e	y	

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy	ire	ear	ure
<u>u-e</u>			oor	are	ur	ow	oi			
ue			ore		er					
ew			aw							
			au							

'Special Friends', 'Fred Talk'

1.6

ship



Nonsense words



sheb



glight



ched



teb

Virtual Classroom films

skipping

How do I use the Virtual Classroom?

1. Set aside 10 minutes to watch a film with your child each day.
2. Find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop or tablet.
3. Praise your child as they join in with the lesson – make it fun!

The more they practise using these films, the quicker they'll learn to read.

Practice at home

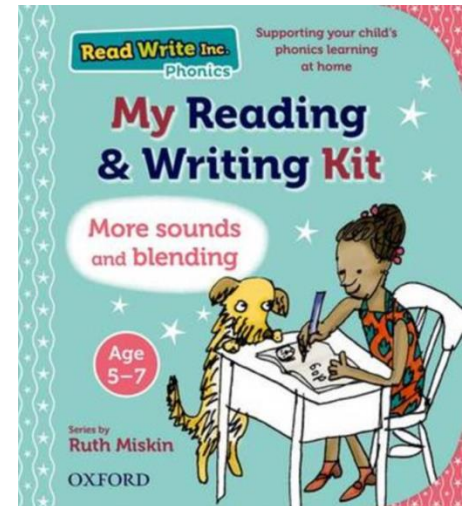
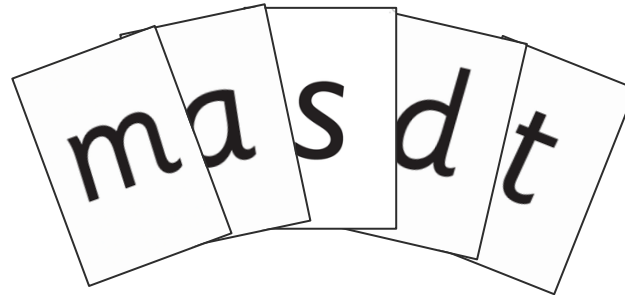


My Sets 2 and 3 Speed Sounds Book



that's not fair
stair, hair, chair

Review words
foot, park, short



What can I do?

1. Help your child to use 'Special Friends', 'Fred Talk' to read words.
2. Practise reading sounds speedily.
3. Watch the Virtual Classroom films together.
4. Listen to your child read their Storybook every day.



Learning to read
at home



Parents, carers and families

We support our schools to work in partnership with you at home. This includes books for home reading, information booklets and a Virtual Classroom with films for children to practise.

Using the Virtual Classroom



See how to support your child at home with our Virtual Classroom.

Films

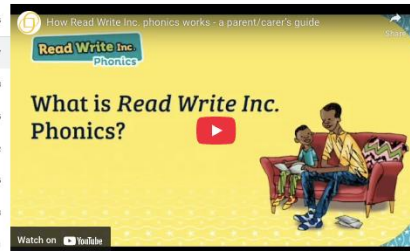
These 17 films show you step by step how to teach children to read and write with Read Write Inc. Phonics.

If your child is in a school that teaches Read Write Inc. or if you have bought a parent pack, the films will help you and your child practise together at home.

If you have a question, please get in touch via our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages and subscribe to our [YouTube](#) channel.

Parent and carer films 17 Videos

- How Read Write Inc. phonics works - a parent/carer's guide 2:47
- Understanding how phonics works 2:58
- How to help your child learn to read 2:45
- What to expect from the phonics lessons 1:52
- Parents: how to listen to your child 2:25
- Why read to your child? 2:08
- 18 things to think about when... 3:04



Home reading guidance documents

Parent FAQs

Handwriting phrases

Fred Games

List of Read Write Inc. reading books

Parents carers and families webpage



Any questions?





Teach a child to read and keep that child reading and we will change everything.

And I mean everything.

Jeanette Winterson