

Spotlight on Phonics

This week, our phonics sessions are flying! We are seeing some fantastic progress in our reading! I hope that you are enjoying supporting your child at home with their reading book.

I want to explain the next step of reading, which is blending the sounds together. If you watched last week's video hopefully you will be feeling more confident with how to say the sounds. When helping your child learn to blend, it is important to remember to be careful with how you say each sound.

Fred Talk



In school, we use a frog called Fred to help us learn to blend. Fred uses "Fred talk" and only speaks in sounds.

At home, it is useful to play games with the sounds in the words you see around you. You can play simple eye spy games or just give instructions using Fred talk.

For instance, if you are leaving the house, you could say something like:

"I would like you to put on a H-A-T" using the simple sounds of the word. In time your child should be able to jump in with the word after you have used your Fred talk – in this case learning to hear the whole word – hat.

In school, we use Fred talk as soon as the children are confident with recognising their first 4 sounds and they can begin to Fred talk the words themselves.

Please enjoy this video, using the link below, which will support your understanding of learning to blend the words.

Good luck!

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[Parent video: Sound blending](#)