

Read Write Inc.

At Dame Janet Primary Academy, we follow *Read Write Inc.* to teach our pupils to read and write.

Watch this video to find out more: [What is Read Write Inc. Phonics?](#)

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To begin with, your child will learn the initial sounds.

These are the Set 1 Speed Sounds written with one letter:

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

These are the sounds written with two letters (your child will call these ‘special friends’):

sh th ch qu ng nk ck

Check if your child can read these sounds. Make sure they say sounds like ‘mmm’, not letter names like ‘em’.

Watch the [Sound Pronunciation Guide video](#) to help you.

You can help your child practise the Speed Sounds they have learnt with the [Speed Sounds practice sheets](#). These will also come home with your child when they have learnt a new sound.

What is Fred Talk?

As well as learning the initial sounds, we will introduce your child to a toy frog called Fred once he or she is ready to start reading words.

Fred can *only* say the sounds in a word and needs your child to help him read the word. Fred will say the sounds and children will work out the word. For example, Fred will say the sounds **c-a-t**, and children will say the word *cat*. This is Fred Talk: sounding out the word.

Learning to blend with Set 1 Speed Sounds

Your child will then learn to read words containing Set 1 Speed Sounds by sound blending. For example:

m-a-t *mat*

c-a-t *cat*

g-o-t *got*

f-i-sh *fish*

s-p-o-t *spot*

b-e-s-t *best*

s-p-l-a-sh *splash*.

If your child is learning to sound blend, watch the [Sound Blending video](#) for tips on how to support them.

Learning Set 2 Speed Sounds

After your child can recognise the Set 1 Sounds and blend sounds into words, they will learn Set 2 Sounds.

These are the Set 2 Speed Sounds:

ay ee igh ow (as in *blow*) oo (as in *zoo*)

oo (as in *look*) ar or air ir ou (as in *out*) oy

Check if your child can read these sounds.

If your child is learning the Set 2 Speed Sounds, you could help them to:

- Complete the [Speed Sounds practice sheets](#) for the Speed Sounds they have learnt. These will also be sent home as and when your child learns the sound.
- Read these free [eBooks](#) at Red Ditty level, then Green level and then Purple level, in order. We recommend children read each eBook three times, as they would at school: once to read the words correctly, a second time with more fluency, and a third time in a 'storyteller voice' that shows their understanding.

Learning Set 3 Speed Sounds

After Set 2 sounds are secure, your child will then learn Set 3 Sounds.

These are Set 3 Speed Sounds:

ea (as in *tea*)

oi (as in *spoil*)

a-e (as in *cake*)

i-e (as in *smile*)

o-e (as in *home*)

u-e (as in *huge*)

aw (as in *yawn*)

are (as in *care*)

ur (as in *nurse*)

er (as in *letter*)

ow (as in *brown*)

ai (as in *snail*)

oa (as in *goat*)

ew (as in *chew*)

ire (as in *fire*)

ear (as in *hear*)

ure (as in *pure*)

Check if your child can read these sounds.

If your child is learning Set 3 Speed Sounds, you could help them to:

- Complete the [Speed Sounds practice sheets](#) for the Speed Sounds they have learnt. These will also be sent home as and when your child learns the sound.
- Read the Green and Red words with increasing speed from the focus text they are reading. These will be sent home at the beginning of the reading cycle. Speeding up their word recognition (speedy reading) will help to improve their fluency too!
- Read the [eBooks](#) at Pink level, then Orange level and then Yellow level, in order. We recommend children read each eBook three times, as they would at school: once to read the words correctly, a second time with more fluency, and a third time in a 'storyteller voice' that shows their understanding.

As well as a copy of the *Read Write Inc.* book that your child has read in school and is familiar to them, your child will bring home a Book Bag Book which is linked to the *Read Write Inc.* book and will be a new read for them. Please practise to read these books at home throughout the week.

If you have any further questions about Read Write Inc. Please speak to your child's teacher or Mrs. Bradbury. They will be only too happy to help!