

Reading for Pleasure



This document has been designed to help you and your child enjoy reading at home.

RWI (Read, Write Inc)

RWI is our reading programme. It helps every child to become a confident and fluent reader at the first attempt.

The children

- Learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letters/letter groups using simple picture prompts
- Learn to read words using sound blending ('Fred talk')
- Read lively stories featuring words they have learned to sound out.

How Can I use RWI at home?



Help your child to learn **Speed Sounds** (Please avoid using letter 'names' with early readers)

Help your child learn to read words by **sound blending** ('Fred talk')

Help your child read **short sentences** ('Ditties')

Read their RWI **storybook** with them regularly.

Sounds

There are 3 sets of sounds in RWI.

[Download a chart with all 3 here.](#)

There are also **Red Words**.

Red Words do not fit the sound rules and are called irregular. The children learn to read them by sight.

[Download a chart with all the Red Words here.](#)

Reading at home

DO

- Keep reading time relaxed, comfortable and pleasurable
- Find a quiet place with screens turned off
- Make it a special time together
- Establish a routine in the day and read for 10-15 minutes
- Reward any reading with small treats, e.g. stickers, choices, affection
- Talk about book, covers, stories, any written words around the house
- Encourage use of 'Fred talk' to work out unfamiliar words
- Join the local library together and use it regularly
- Watch out for any storytelling events, summer reads and reviews of new titles

DON'T

- Correct too often or too quickly
- Make reading negative, or pressured
- Ignore requests to read any written words
- Feel worried or frustrated with slow progress
- Let younger siblings deface or mistreat books

Questions for Exploring Reading

Style	What type of book is this? Have we read a book like this before? What other story is it like? What do you think it will be about? What is the title? Are there pictures? What can you see on the cover?
Setting Where? When?	Where is this story set? When does the story take place? What time is the story set in? How do you know? Can you describe the setting of the story?
Character Who?	Who are the characters in this story? Who is the most important character in the story? Who is telling the story? Were there any characters that you didn't like? Why does that character behave in that way?
Plot What?	What do you think might happen next? What are the main events in the story? What is the problem in the story and how was it resolved? What was your favourite part of this story?
Theme	What is the main idea/theme/moral of the story?

