An Introduction to Phonics and Early Reading at Aston All Saints C of E Primary School

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Sharing a story book with your child. Ten Top Tips!

- Make a special time everyday to share a book together. This could be a library book, a reading book, or your favourite bedtime story.
- Make it a quiet time, turn off the TV, and cuddle up together on the sofa or bed together.
- > Show curiosity about the book and share your love of books with your child.
- Read through the whole story first without stopping and starting.
- Chat about the story afterwards. 'I wonder why they did that...?' 'I enjoyed it when...?' 'It was so exciting when....'
- Link stories to your own experiences as a family. 'This reminds me of when we went camping'. 'Can you remember when we found a fossil on the beach?'
- Read favourite stories over and over again. Encourage your child to 'jump in' and finish your sentences.



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- Read with enthusiasm trying out different voices to engage your child.
- Don't stop reading to your children when they can read for themselves. Share a book at a higher level. They will be able to read this book by themselves one day!
- Read with enjoyment and treasure the moment! Time flies and it wont be long before they area all grown up.

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What is Read Write Inc Phonics?

- The National Curriculum 2014 and the Early Learning Goals 2021 state that children should be taught in a systematic way to learn to read using phonics.
- First we teach one way of learning and spelling the English sound.
- A 'hook' is used to help them learn a sound by giving them a picture to remember the sound by and how to write it.
- Children then read books carefully matched to the sounds that they have been taught.

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- Then we move onto teaching the children alternative spellings for sounds.
- They NEVER read books with sounds and spellings they have not yet learnt.
- Build confidence and fluency quickly.
- We don't get them to guess words.
- They work in ability groups and read the books BEFORE they bring them home. We assess regularly!
- Fred helps us to sound talk words!

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Pure Sounds



- Do not add uh to consonant sounds!
- This will cause complications with blending and spelling later on.
- Good habits need to develop from the start!
- Stretchy
- Bouncy
- Over to Siylvie

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Sound Blending



- We practise sounding out the letters in words using 'Fred Talk'.
- Fred can only talk in sounds!
- Initially practise oral blending using an exaggerated voice and 'My Turn' and 'Your Turn'.
- The children move onto reading words using 'Fred in your head!' strategies.
- Soon they will be able to read the 'green words' 'speedily'.

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- Fred Fingers
- Fred in the Head

Special Friends

- A digraph is a combination of letters to represent one sound.
- ▶ We call them 'special friends'.
- We always identify the special friends in a word before we read them.

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Green Words and Red Words





Questions



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