



At Brookwood, we are now teaching phonics using Read, Write, Inc. which teaches children the sounds needed to read, how to say the sounds out loud to make words (oral blending), write their letters and spell words.

We use a puppet called Fred the Frog to help teach the children how to read and spell. Fred talks in 'Fred talk,' which means he only says the sounds. For example, c – a – t.



The children will learn the sounds in a certain order starting with the set 1 single letter sounds below. For the set 1 sounds, they will learn a saying to help them remember how to write the letter. For example, 'round the apple, draw the leaf.'

### Set 1 sounds

m	a	s	d	t
i	n	p	g	o
c	k	u	b	f
e	l	h	sh	r
j	v	y	w	th
z	ch	qu	x	ng

When they are secure on set 1 sounds, they will learn the set 2 and set 3 sounds below. Each of these sounds has a rhyme to help the children remember the sound. For example 'ay may I play?'

### Set 2 sounds

ay  may I play?	ee  what can you see?	igh  fly high	ow  blow the snow	oo  poo at the zoo
oo  look at a book	ar  start the car	or  shut the door	air  that's not fair	ir  whirl and twirl
			ou  shout it out	oy  toy for a boy

### Set 3 sounds

ea  cup of tea	oi  spoil the boy				
ā-e  make a cake	i-e  nice smile	ō-e  phone home	ū-e  huge brute	aw  yawn at dawn	
are  care and share	ur  nurse with a purse	er  a better letter	ow  brown cow	ai  snail in the rain	
oa  goat in a boat	ew  chew the stew	ire  fire, fire!	ear  hear with your ear	ure  sure it's pure	

Parents can support their children at home by practising the sounds together and encouraging their children to 'Fred talk, then say the word.' It is important that children say the pure sounds as short as possible without adding an 'uh' sound on the end (not *puh*, *tuh*, *buh*) to help them when they blend the sounds together to read.

You can watch a video on how to say the sounds here  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>



And a video on how to blend the sounds together here.

<mailto:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNyFikwNQTg>



You can find out more about how the scheme works here.

<mailto:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjIPILhk7bQ>

If you wish to buy the cards to practice at home, you can find them on Amazon. The cards pictured below are the set 1 sounds. The set 2/3 sounds are listed as 'More Phonics Flashcards' on Amazon.



## Year One Phonics Screen and 'alien' words

The Phonics Screening Check is a short test that your child takes towards the end of Year 1. The check contains 40 words that your child reads aloud and contains both real words and some 'alien' words such as 'chet.' We call these words 'alien' words because in the test there is an alien picture next to them to help the child know that it is not a real word. The children will get lots of practice at reading 'alien' words at school through the Read, Write, Inc programme to help prepare them.