

Red & Green Words

Green words

Green words are words that your child will be able to *sound out* and then sound blend together, using the speed sounds they have learnt.

Your child will be able to read a book more easily if they practice reading these words first.

Red words

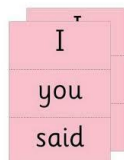
Red words are those words which contain spelling patterns that cannot be *sounded out*. Some of the most frequently used words in the English language have an uncommon spelling pattern and don't sound like they look, for example, said sounds like 'sed'.

Red words have to be learnt by sight. These words are printed in red in the story books.

Learning to read the red words is a very important part of reading and one which you can help with at home.

There is a list of red words in this leaflet for you to practise with your child. A good way to do this is to put them onto small pieces of paper and use them as flash cards. When you hold up the word your child should be able to say the word.

Please remember you cannot sound out all the sounds in these words



Red Words

Remember these words cannot be completely *sounded out* - they must be learnt by sight!

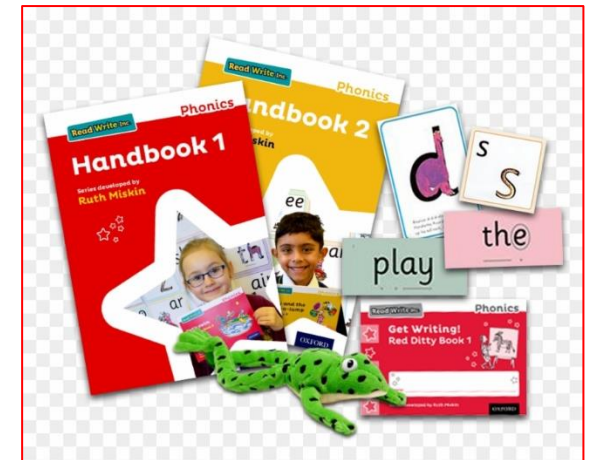
Red Words

above	all	anyone
any	are	be
brought	bought	buy
call	caught	could
does	do	down
father	go	great
he	her	here
how	I	love
many	me	mother
my	no	now
of	old	once
one	other	over
school	said	saw
she	small	so
some	talk	tall
the	there	they
thought	through	to
two	walk	want
was	watch	water
what	where	who
we	wear	were
worse	why	you
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Read Write Inc.
Phonics

Dear Parent,

At Burnham on Crouch Primary School, we use the **Read Write Inc** (RWI) programme to get children off to a flying start with Reading. RWI is a phonic based approach to teaching reading. It involves children learning to read sounds and how to blend them together to read words. RWI is a successful reading programme that enables every child to become a confident and fluent reader at the first attempt. It aims to teach all children to read at a pace that they are comfortable with.

The children learn 44 sounds (speed sounds). These are the letter **sounds** and not letter **names**. The speed sounds are divided into small groups. Once your child has learnt all of the sounds in one group, they can move on to *sound blending* the letters in that group to read words.

The speed sound groups:

1. m a s d t
2. i n p g o
3. c k u b
4. f e l h sh
5. r j v y w
6. th z ch qu x ng nk v y w

The children then move onto the Set 2 and 3 sounds:

Speed Sounds Set 2



Speed Sounds Set 3



Types of Sounds

Pure sounds

When teaching the speed sounds it is very important that you do not add an intrusive 'uh' to the end of the consonant sound. Try to pronounce them as **pure** sounds: 'mmmm' not 'muh', 'ffffff' not 'fuh' and 'lllll' not 'luh'.

This can be quite difficult to begin with but by ensuring only the pure sounds are pronounced, your child will find it much easier to *blend* the sounds to make words. There is a video that demonstrates this on *Youtube*: search for **Read Write Inc Pronunciation**. This can also be found on our website:

<https://www.burnhamprimary.co.uk/read-write-inc/>

Bouncy and stretchy sounds

To help your child remember his or her sounds we say that some make a stretchy sound and some make a bouncy sound.

Stretchy sounds are said in one continuous sound, e.g. mmmmmmmmm as in mountain.

Bouncy sounds are said with a short sharp gap in between, e.g. d-d-d as in d-dd dinosaur.

Sound blends

Your child is ready to sound blend once they have learnt the first set of sounds and can say these in and out of order. In school we call this **Fred Talk**.

How can I use RWI at home?

1. Help your child to learn the speed sounds. (*Please avoid using letter names with early readers*)
2. Help your child learn to read words by sound blending (We call this *Fred Talk* in school)
3. Help your child read short sentences (*Ditties*)
4. Read their RWI storybook with them Regularly and add a comment in your child's reading diary.

Simple Speed Sound Chart

Consonants: stretch

f l m n r s v z sh th ng

Consonants: bouncy

b ck d g h j p qu t w x y ch

Vowels: bouncy

a e i o u ay ee igh ow

Vowels: stretchy

oo oo ar or air ir ou oy

