



Read Write Inc

Things you might hear your child talk about...

Speed sounds –

The children are taught the speed sounds using a picture to help them.

This is the first step in learning to read.



Fred –



Fred is a frog who can only talk using sounds. For example, he might say c-a-t when he means to say cat. The children learn to recognise what Fred is trying to say and this is the next step in learning to read.

Blending – this is when we put the sounds and Fred Talk together. We'll say, "Fred Talk and read the word."

Special friends – this is when we put two (or more) letters together to make one sound.

Once the children start to learn special friends we encourage them to look for these in words. We'll say, "Special friends, Fred talk, read the word."



Green words – these are words that the children can read by blending the sounds together.

mad	at
dad	sad
mat	sat

Red words – these are the words that we can't blend and just have to learn, such as I, the, to, go etc. We say, "You can't Fred a red."

