



Parent Meeting

September 2026



Teach a child to read and keep that child reading and we will change everything.

And I mean everything.

Jeanette Winterson

What is phonics?

Sounds (graphemes)

m	a	t
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mat

sh	i	p
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ship

demonstrate, containing, roamed, trivial, injured,
whimper

Some codes are easier than others

English



44 speech sounds
26 letters
150+ graphemes

Spanish



24 speech sounds
26 letters
29 graphemes

The simple code: Set 1 and 2 sounds

Consonant sounds – stretchy

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng nk
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Consonant sounds – bouncy

b	c k	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
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Vowel sounds – bouncy

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
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Vowel sounds – stretchy

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oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy
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Show parents a video – how to pronounce sounds.

The complex code: Set 3 sounds

Consonant sounds

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz	ti		nk
ph	le	mb	kn	wr	se		s	ci		
					c		se			
					ce					

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
bb	k	dd	gg		g	pp		tt	wh			tch
	ck				ge							
	ch				dge							

Vowel sounds

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea				<u>a-e</u>	<u>e-e</u>	<u>i-e</u>	<u>o-e</u>
					ai	y	ie	oa
						ea	i	o
						e	y	

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy	ire	ear	ure
<u>u-e</u>			oor	are	ur	ow	oi			
ue			ore		er					
ew			aw							
			au							

Speed Sounds Set 1

Consonant sounds – stretchy

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
										nk

Consonant sounds – bouncy

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
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Vowel sounds – bouncy

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Vowel sounds – stretchy

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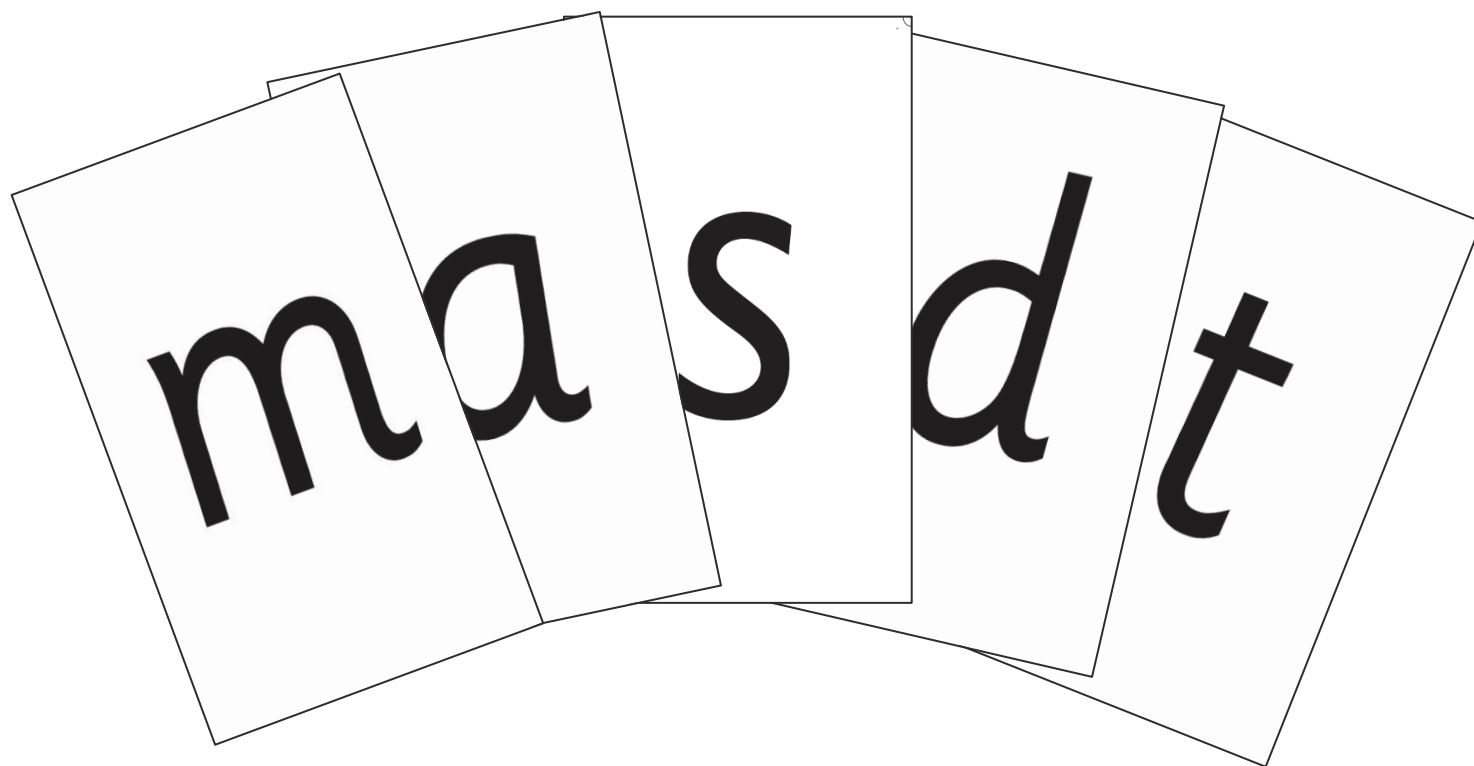
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Name the pictures



Teach something new...review,
review review!



Speedy sounds + Fred =
decoding



+



Teaching a Set 1 sound



Teaching letter formation

This works best if your child practises for a short time every day.

1. Show the picture side and air-write as you say the phrase.
2. Ask your child to practise in the air with you.
3. Using a sharp pencil and sat at a table, encourage your child to have a go.
4. Praise your child for their efforts.

m Maisie, mountain, mountain
a round the apple, down the leaf
s slither down the snake
d round his bottom, up his tall neck and down to his feet
t down the tower, across the tower
i down the body, dot for the head
n down Nobby, over his net
p down the plait and over the pirate's face
g round her face, down her hair and give her a curl





Through stories, children encounter vocabulary that they are unlikely to hear in everyday conversation but will come across in writing, once they can read for themselves.

Show a video



Children who never have a story read to them, who never hear words that rhyme, who never imagine fighting with dragons or marrying a prince, have the odds overwhelmingly against them.

Maryanne Wolf



At five years old:

Never read to - 4,622 words

1-2 times a week - 63,570 words

3-5 times a week - 169,520 words

Daily - 296,600 words

Five books a day - 1,483,300 words

Science Daily (2019)

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/04/190404074947.htm>

The number and quality of the conversations they have with adults and peers throughout the day in a language-rich environment is crucial.



The reading framework
Teaching the foundations of literacy
DfE, July 2023

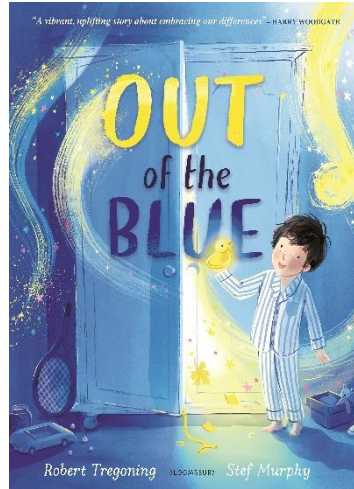
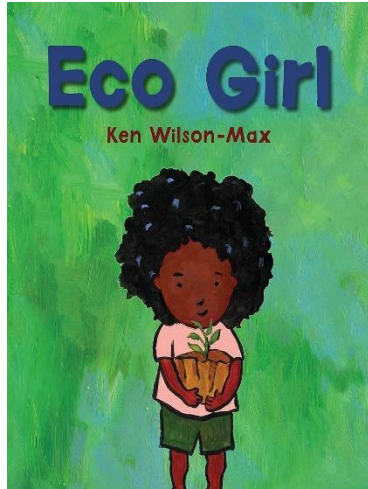
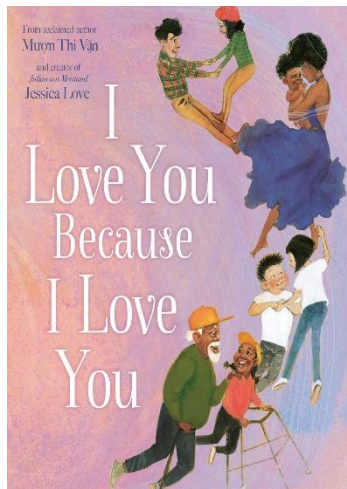
Watch – Why read to your child?

What makes children happy?

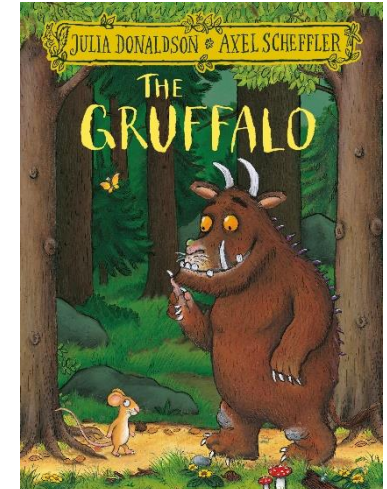
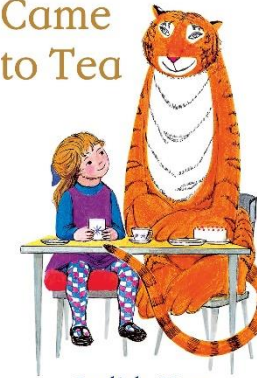
- Read for fun on most days.
- Share meal times and talk together.
- Cut down on TV viewing.
- Do things together – visit local places: farms, parks, museums.
- Teach their children new skills and knowledge - cooking, drawing, music, sport.
- Listen to each other.

Repeated readings Again! Again!

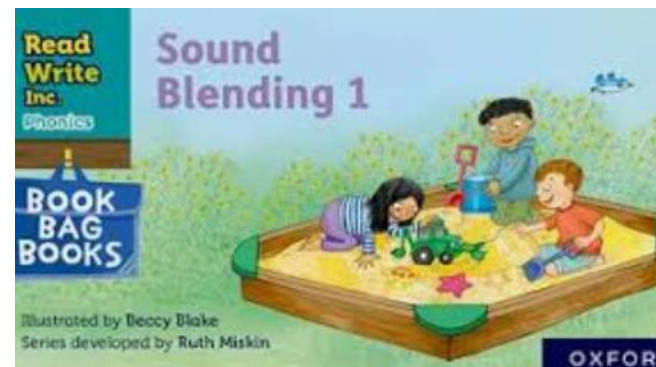
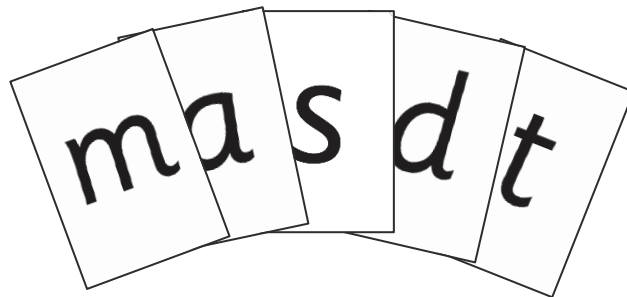
Children are wired to thrive on **repetition**.



The Tiger Who
Came
to Tea



Practice at home



What can I do?

1. Use pure sounds rather than letter names.
2. Teach the picture names.
3. Practise reading sounds speedily.
4. Watch the Virtual Classroom films together.
5. Use the handwriting phrases to practise writing.

Parents and families

Read Write Inc.

How to say the sounds



Why read with your child?



What to think about when you read



Reading the stretchy sounds



Reading the bouncy sounds



Sound blending





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