

**Your child is in the ‘Read Write Inc. Red Group’**

In this Read Write Inc. group children will continue to consolidate their knowledge of Set 1 sounds and learn double letter sounds known as special friends – qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk.

They will also be working on ‘Red Ditty’ books. The Ditties are short, simple texts that contain 10-20 words made up of Set 1 sounds (Green Words) and some ‘Red Words’- common exception words that are not phonetically decodable.

The purpose of the Ditties is for children to apply the skills of sound-blending and their knowledge of Set 1 speed sounds to enable them to read a continuous text. They will also be writing words related to these stories.

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| **Set 1 Sounds are taught in the following order**  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 nk |

Your child may have remained in this group. This means they still need to consolidate the Set 1 sounds and continue to practise their blending skills.

The progress of all children is tracked carefully and all children are re-assessed every 6 weeks and new groups assigned. Where children are making slower progress additional provision is given to support where necessary.

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| **Sound blending group A** |
| **Sound blending group B** |
| **Sound blending group C** |
| **Ditty** |
| **Red** |
| **Green** |
| **Purple** |
| **Pink** |
| **Orange** |
| **Yellow** |
| **Blue** |
| **Grey** |
| **Off the Programme** |

The children in this group will bring home a red book (on a three-day cycle). They will have read this book in class and completed work around it on three occasions and hence this should be a fluent and easy read for them. The book should be kept at home and read over two evenings – returned on the third day (e.g. book goes home on Tuesday – return to school on Thursday).

In addition to the Read Write Inc books the children will have access to other reading schemes that loosely align to Read Write Inc.

You can also support your child by logging onto the school website – children tab – curriculum areas – read write inc. In here you will find practice cards for all the sounds in the order they are taught and Set 1 practice sheets. Remember the focus for this group is to blend sounds together to make words.

### We remind parents that the Read Write Inc books and other reading scheme books have the purpose of developing pupils’ phonic knowledge and ability to decode with automaticity. These books are not necessarily books that help to foster and develop imagination or a love of story and reading. To this end, the children also have the opportunity to visit the library once a week as a class, where they can choose a reading for pleasure book.

### We continue to encourage parents to read to your children (even once they are proficient readers). Research shows that children develop strong foundations for all their learning abilities, particularly in the following areas by experiencing being read to regularly.

* Listening skills
* Speech and communication skills
* Thinking skills and logic
* Literacy and numeracy skills

There is lots of information regarding recommended books for each year group on the school website. Please look under the children’s tab – curriculum subject areas – English – reading and also on the individual year group pages.

Additional information regarding Read Write Inc can be found by clicking the links below:

[**http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/**](http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/)

[**https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education**](https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education)

[**http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/**](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/)

If you have any questions about the Read Write Inc programme or your child’s progress, please don’t hesitate to speak to the class teacher or our Read Write Inc Lead Teachers – Mrs Harmady / Mrs O’Kane.